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Births.

PELL.—July 10, at Bega, the wife of E. J. Pell, of a son.

Deaths.

BARKER.—July 27, at Prince Alfred Hospital, Camperdown, David Hugh Barker, J.P., Alderman of Campbelltown, aged 61 years.

CASSON.—July 27, 1899, at his residence, Railway-parade, Kogarah, Henry John Casson, aged 33 years and 9 months. At rest.

CLARKE.—July 27, at her residence, Rankin-street, Bald Rock, Balmain, Mary Ann Campbell Clarke, aged 79 years.

PIERCE.—July 27, 1899, at Minevia, Snails Bay, Balmain, George Pierce, aged 70 years.

SCOTT.—July 26, at West-street, North Sydney, John Duncan Scott, late of Oamaru, N.Z.

SHIPLEY.—July 24, 1899, at his residence, 168 King-street, Newtown, John Shipley, aged 85 years, the beloved father of S. A. Fleming, and son-in-law of the late James Attwater, commander Royal Navy. Home papers please copy.

SMITH.—July 27, 1899, at Prince Alfred Hospital, Maria Elisabeth, dearly beloved wife of Charles Frederick Smith, of Church-street, Wollongong, aged 62 years.

In Memoriam.

BROWN.—In loving memory of my dear husband, Walter Brown, who died at his residence, Charnleigh, Sloane-street, Summer Hill, July 28, 1894, aged 43 years. Inserted by his affectionate wife, Matilda Brown.

BROWN.—In loving memory of our dear father, Wallace Brown, who died at his residence, Charnleigh, Sloane-street, Summer Hill, July 28, 1894, aged 43 years.

Short was the call he had from above,
Not a word to his lov'd ones could say;
His eyes closed in death as a babe in its sleep,
And he silently passed away.

Inserted by his loving children, Beatrice, Leslie, and Gladstone Brown.

CLARKE.—In loving memory of my dear mother, Hannah Clarke, who departed this life July 28, 1893. Battersea, Dowling-street, Moore Park. F. Buckham.

EAGLETON.—In loving memory of Calomera V. Eagleton, died July 28th, 1896.

All is dark within our dwelling,
Lonely are our hearts to-day.
For our darling Calomera
Has now three years passed away.

Inserted by her loving parents, William and Amelia Eagleton.

FLETCHER.—In ever loving memory of our darling mother, Clare Fletcher (nurse), who fell asleep in Jesus July 28, 1898, after two years of severe suffering, aged 39 years. Loved and respected by all who knew her.

We miss thee from our home, dear mother,
We miss thee from thy place.
A shadow o'er our life is cast,
We miss the sunshine of thy face.
We miss thy kind and willing hand,
Thy fond and earnest care;
Our home is dark without thee,
We miss thee everywhere.

Inserted by her loving and motherless children, Ethel, Baby, and Jack.

GALL.—In loving memory of our dear mother, Hannah Gall, who died 28th July, 1896, aged 64 years. Inserted by her loving daughter and son-in-law, Sarah and Alfred Ewan.

HARRISON.—In ever-loving remembrance of my dear husband and father, Captain Ernest Fraser Harrison, who died July 28, 1898, late of A.U.S.N. and other companies, second son of Charles Matthew Harrison, Esq., late of Bombay Civil Service, and Mary Standen Harrison, The Boyne, Knoll-road, Bournemouth, England. Inserted by his sorrowing wife and little daughter, Maud and Ivy Harrison.

HARRISON.—In sad but ever-loving memory of our dearly-loved son and brother-in-law, Captain Ernest Fraser Harrison, who died at Cassandra, Bondi-road, Waverley, on the 28th July, 1898, after painful suffering. May his soul rest in peace. Inserted by his affectionate mother and sister-in-law, T. and B. Gaherity.

HARRISON.—In ever-loving remembrance of our dearly-beloved brother-in-law, Captain Ernest Fraser Harrison, late of A.U.S.N. and other companies, who died at Cassandra, Bondi-road, Waverley, on the 28th July, 1898, after painful suffering. Dead, but not forgotten by his loving sister and brother-in-law, Adelaide and George Banks.

HEARSLEY.—In loving memory of my dear husband, George T. Hearsley, who departed this life on July 28, 1897. Inserted by his loving wife and family. In the midst of life we are in death.

M'LAUGHLIN.—In loving remembrance of our beloved children, John G. M'Laughlin, who died on the 28th of July, 1888, aged 2 years and 11 months; also Ethel May, who died 20th September, 1883, aged 2 years and 6 months; also Joseph Gerrard, died 15th September, 1890, aged 11 days; also our little baby boy, died on the 4th September, 1891. The beloved children of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. M'Laughlin.

SIMPSON.—In loving remembrance of my dear son, Albert James Simpson, who departed this life July 28, 1897, aged 12 years and 2 months. Inserted by his loving mother, A. E. Simpson.

Thy gentle voice now is hushed,
Thy warm, true heart is still,
And on thy young and innocent brow
Is resting Death's cold chill.
Thy hands are closed upon thy breast,
We've kissed thy lovely brow,
And in our aching heart we know
We miss our dear one now.

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AUSTRALIA	6901	L. Reeves	Sept. 9
ARCADIA	6603	A. C. Loggin	Sept. 23
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AUSTRAL	5524	F. S. Symons	Aug. 5	Aug. 8	Aug. 10
*OMRAH	8291	J. F. Ruthven	Aug. 19	Aug. 22	Aug. 24
CUZCO	3918	A. J. Coad	Sept. 2	Sept. 5	Sept. 1
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Darmstadt	5,012	R. Wilhelmi	Aug. 9	Aug. 15	Aug. 19
Karlsruhe	5,057	v. Pardeleben	Sept. 6	Sept. 12	Sept. 16
Stuttgart	5,048	E. Werner	Oct. 4	Oct. 10	Oct. 14
Gera	5,005	W. Meissel	Nov. 1	Nov. 7	Nov. 11
P. R. Luitpold	6,288	H. Walter	Nov. 18	Nov. 21	Nov. 25
Weimar	4,996	H. Blecker	Dec. 2	Dec. 5	Dec. 9
Bremen	10,525	R. Nierich	Dec. 16	Dec. 19	Dec. 23
			1900.	1900.	1900.
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Australien	Verron	Sept. 4	Sept. 7	Sept. 9
Ville de la Ciotat	Fiaschi	Oct. 2	Oct. 5	Oct. 7
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SALAMIS	A. H. G. Douglas, R.N.R.	4500	Oct. 13
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ALBANY, FREMANTLE	Gabo, Tuesday, August 8, 5 p.m. (No transhipment.)
BRISBANE, MARYBOROUGH, ROCKHAMPTON, BUNDABERG	Buninyong, This Day, Fri., 11 p.m. Peregrine, Sat., July 29, 12 noon. Burwah, Tuesday, August 1, 5 p.m.
BUNDABERG, MACKAY, TOWNSVILLE	Peregrine, Sat., July 29, 12 noon. Leura, Saturday, Aug. 5, 12 noon. Konoowarra, Mon., Aug. 7, 5 p.m.
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—In Bankruptcy.—NOTICE is hereby given that the Single MEETING of Creditors in the following matter will be held at the Court, Chancery-square, Sydney, on the 8th day of August, 1899, at 11 a.m., or as soon after as the course of business will permit. To entitle a creditor to vote thereat his proof must be lodged with the Registrar in Bankruptcy not later than the 5th day of August, 1899. Re LOUIE AH SING (No. 13,573), of Townsend-street, Albury, Servant. A. HENRY, Registrar in Bankruptcy. Mr. L. T. LLOYD, Official Assignee. (4-c2)

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—In Bankruptcy.—In the matter of a Bankruptcy Petition filed the fifteenth day of July, 1899.—To EMMA BENNETT, of Sydney.—TAKE NOTICE that a Bankruptcy Petition has been presented against you to the Judge in Bankruptcy by WILLIAM DYMOCK, of Sydney, and the Judge has ordered that the publication of this notice in the Sydney Morning Herald shall be deemed to be service of the petition upon you; and further take notice that the said petition will be heard at this Court on the thirty-first day of July, 1899, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, on which day you are required to appear, and if you do not appear the Court may make a Sequestration Order against you in your absence. The petition can be inspected by you on application at this Court. Dated this 27th day of July, 1899. A. HENRY, Registrar. MARK MITCHELL and COHEN, Solicitors for Petitioning Creditor, 122 Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of PATRICK GOLLEY, late of Shamrock Lodge, near Goulburn, in the colony of New South Wales, Farmer, deceased.—NOTICE is hereby given that the Final Accounts in the above Estate have this day been filed in my office, Chancery-square, Sydney, and all persons having any claim on the said Estate or being otherwise interested therein are hereby required to come in before me, at my said office, on or before the 28th day of August next, at 11.30 o'clock in the forenoon, and inspect the same, and if they shall think fit object thereto, otherwise if the said accounts be not objected to the same will be examined by me and passed according to law. Dated at Sydney this 24th day of July, A.D. 1899. T. W. GARRETT, Registrar. P. J. MEYER, Proctor for Executors, Bank-chambers, Goulburn. By his agent, G. E. RUSSELL JONES, Castlereagh-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of WILLIAM BARBER THOMPSON, late of Widden Brook, near Kerrabee, in the colony of New South Wales, Grazier, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to JOHN THOMPSON and WILLIAM THOMPSON, both of Widden Brook, near Kerrabee aforesaid, Graziers, the executors named in the said Will. ROBERT GEORGE DUNDAS FITZ-GERALD, Proctor for the Executors, Muswellbrook. Agents, Messrs. PIGOTT and STINSON, Solicitors, 28 Castlereagh-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of CATHERINE BRADY, late of No. 17 Harris-street, Balmain, in the colony of New South Wales, Widow, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will and Testament of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to PHILIP EDWARD BRADY (in the said Will called Philip Brady), of Elizabeth-street, Rozelle, Balmain aforesaid, the sole Executor named in the said Will. Dated this 27th day of July, 1899. ARNOTT and REYNOLDS, Proctors for the Executor, 94 Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of CHARLES HALLIDAY, late of Sandy Flat, near Tenterfield, in the colony of New South Wales, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to SUSAN HALLIDAY, the Executrix named in the said Will. HENRY S. BEVERIDGE, District Agent Probates, Tenterfield.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of ALEXANDER DYCE, late of Gundaroo, in the colony of New South Wales, Grazier, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration of the Estate, with the Will annexed, of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to WALTER PATRICK DYCE, the Son of the said deceased. W. DAVIES DOWNING, Proctor for the Administrator, Queanbeyan.

Public Notices.

NOTICE is hereby given that the TRUSTEES of the SYDNEY FEMALE SCHOOL OF INDUSTRY intend to apply to the Parliament of New South Wales in the ensuing Session thereof for the passing of a PRIVATE BILL to authorise the said Trustees to SELL and CONVEY certain LANDS situate at Darlinghurst and Parramatta respectively in the said colony, and to provide for the application of the proceeds of such sale and the income arising therefrom, and to provide for the appointment of New Trustees in connection with such Sydney Female School of Industry, and for other purposes in the Bill mentioned.

Dated this thirteenth day of July, 1899.

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IN THE ASSIGNED ESTATE OF P. J. PATERSON, 249 Pitt-street, Mercer and Clothier.

ALL PERSONS having CLAIMS against this Estate are requested to render particulars thereof to the undersigned on or before WEDNESDAY, 2nd AUGUST, otherwise they will be excluded from participating in the distribution of the estate.

STARKEY and STARKEY, Chartered Accountants, 93 York-street. Sydney, 27th July, 1899.

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NOTICE is hereby given that a FURTHER DIVIDEND of Twopence (2d) per Share will be payable at the Office of the Liquidators on and after MONDAY, 31st JULY NEXT, between the hours of 11 a.m. and 12 noon. Shareholders will be required to produce their scrip for endorsement.

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JUBILEE OF ST. STEPHEN'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—A Public MEETING in celebration of the Jubilee will be held in St. Stephen's Church, Phillip-street, on FRIDAY EVENING, at 8 o'clock. Professor ANDREW HARPER, of MELBOURNE, and leading PUBLIC MEN will give addresses.

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LOST, at Leichhardt, CHESTNUT COLT, branded O on off-side cheek, scar on off-side ribs, white star forehead. Reward. FIELD, Balmain-road, Leichhardt.

LOST, in 11.10 a.m. train from Sydney, Illawarra line, Pair Gold-rimmed SPECTACLES, in case. Reward on returning to Stationmaster, Arncliffe.

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4. Song—"Bianca" ... Mattei
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Two Governors—Crowd Waiting for the Governor—In the Legislative Council Chamber—Crowd in Macquarie-street—Guard of Honour—The Governor Leaving Parliament House.

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Special Illustrated Article by "Foozler."

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WINEFRED: A STORY OF THE CHALK CLIFFS.

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"SORROW"—A STUDY BY BROOKS THORNLEY.
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SATURDAY'S
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LEONARD DODDS,
Manager.
Sydney, July 28th, 1899.

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MDME. CLARKE, daily, 10-6, 2s 6d; seance to-night 8, 6d. 102 Abercrombie-st.

PAUL FERRIS reads Hands like an open book (Nature's Book). 55 Victoria Market.

CLAIRVOYANT.—Mr. Stephenson, Seance To-night at 8, 1s; daily from 11 till 5, 2s 6d. 732 Harris-st.

MADAME OARSKA MAY, Futurist, 67 Cooper-st., off Raglan-st., Waterloo.

MADAME VEAUX, Scient. Palmist, returned, pleased see old and new clients. 3 Pelican-st., Oxford-st.

TOST and ROHU'S Auction Sale of Furs and Curios, no reserve. Harris and Co., 199 Pitt-st., at 11 a.m.

Auction Sales.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY, JULY 28,
AT 11 A.M.

FURS. FURS, FURS.

FOR POSITIVE UNRESERVED SALE AT

THE MART, 199 PITT-STREET.

VALUABLE AND EXTENSIVE COLLECTION OF TASMANIAN AND AUSTRALIAN FURS. Special First Prize, R.A.S. Exhibition, 1899. Manufactured by Messrs. TOST and ROHU, Moore-street and William-street, Sydney.
CARRIAGE, BUGGY, BED, AND TRAVELLING RUGS.
Also,
ELEGANT FURS FOR LADIES' WEAR, HEARTHRUGS, MATS, &c., made from Skins of Black and Grey Opossum, Wallaby, Platypus, Native Bear, and Fox, &c.
Also,
TROPHIES OF AUSTRALIAN AND ISLAND CURIOS,
Boomerangs, Carved and Plain Emu Eggs, Lamp Shades, &c., and other Beautiful Souvenirs.

HENRY HARRIS AND COMPANY,
AUCTIONEERS AND VALUATORS, 199 PITT-STREET.

INGLIS and SON'S HORSE BAZAAR.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11 a.m. sharp,
Vans, Springcarts, Horses, and Harness, Draught Horses, Tipdrays, and Harness.
At 12 o'clock,
Horses and Vehicles of every description.
Specially advertised. Tel., 1331.

4 HEAVY DRAUGHT HORSES, FROM OBERON.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. William Found, of Oberon, to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, Friday, at 12 o'clock,
4 Superior Heavy Draught Horses, in good condition, reliable and staunch.

4 HAR. HORSES, DR. MARE, AND PONY LOT.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from the Owner to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, Friday, at 12 o'clock,
4 useful Harness Horses, an active draught Mare, also 13.2 Pony, with Cart and Harness, in good order.

2 SUPERIOR HARNESS HORSES AND PONY.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from the Owner to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, Friday, at 12 o'clock,
Brown Gelding, 6 years, 15.3, with good style and action, suitable for a dogcart or match horse.
Well-bred Bay Mare, 4 years, by Stockwell, thoroughly broken to saddle and harness.
A pretty 11.2 Pony, quiet to ride or drive.

WITHOUT RESERVE.

HANDSOME S. AND H. PONY.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. C. W. A. BAKER to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, Friday, at 12 o'clock,
Handsome Taffy Pony, 12 hands, 5 years, broken to saddle and harness, and quiet near trams.

HIGH-CLASS SULKY TURNOUT.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. F. C. STEPHENS to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, Friday, at 12 o'clock,
Dk. Bay Gelding (black points), quiet to ride, and a lady can drive him past trams; Hooded Sulky and Harness, both brass-mounted, and of best quality; making a very suitable turnout for a doctor.

HANDSOME BAY PONY and DOG CART TURNOUT.—Pony, 5 years, fast, grand action; pretty brass-mounted Trap and Harness.
W. INGLIS will sell THIS DAY, 12 o'clock.

LOVELY TAFFY PONY and PRETTY SULKY, forming one of the most unique and prettiest Turnouts in Sydney, regularly used by lady and children, everything in perfect order. Ladies please inspect.
W. INGLIS will sell THIS DAY, 12 o'clock.

PRETTIEST Hooded Pony TURNOUT in city, sale 12 TO-DAY, Messrs. INGLIS and SONS.

KISS' HORSE AND CARRIAGE BAZAAR.
GEORGE KISS will sell by auction at the Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11 o'clock,
Horses, Vehicles, and Harness.
And at 12 o'clock Lots as advertised.

GEORGE KISS will sell THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock, 4 Purebred Collie PUPS, 10 weeks old, by Champ.—Jess of Ryde. A splendid lot. On account of Mr. J. M. Rooke.

PRODUCE SALES.

SYDNEY WOOL-SELLING BROKERS' ASSOCIATION.
SALES BY AUCTION will be held TO-DAY, Friday, as under:—
HIDES.—At the various Stores, at 9.30 a.m.
SHEEPSKINS.—At the Wool Exchange, at 11.30 a.m.
TALLOW.—At the Wool Exchange, at 2.30 p.m.

WEEKLY PRODUCE SALE.

ELLIS and CO. will sell by auction at their Sydney Produce Saleyards, Quay-street, off George-street South, THIS DAY, at 1 o'clock prompt,
Fat Vealers, Porkers, Baconers, Store Pigs, Sucking Pigs, Carcase Pork and Veal, choice brands of Creamery, Factory, and Dairy Roll and Keg Butter, Eggs, Honey, Lard, Bacon, Cheese, Fruit, a large quantity of Poultry of every description, Pigeons, Birds, Game, &c.
One Incubator, 200 eggs, nearly new, and complete
5 tons pure extracted Honey, very choice, ex rail
Sweet, prime farm-fed Bacon, ex mil.

WEEKLY POULTRY and PRODUCE SALE.
ONUS RAILWAY SALE ROOMS, 827 GEORGE-ST.
F. L. ONUS and CO. will sell by auction, at their Railway Sale Rooms, 827 George-street, THIS DAY, at half-past 12 o'clock,
Sucking Pigs, Dead Meat, &c.
At half-past 2 o'clock,
A large assortment of all kinds Poultry, Turkeys, Ducks, Geese, Fowls, Pigeons, Birds, &c.
At half-past 3 o'clock,
Roll and Keg Butter from best Southern dairies
Cheese, Eggs, Bacon, Lard, Honey, &c., &c.

THE POULTRY FARMERS' EXCHANGE,
Thomas-street, Haymarket.

C. J. TURNER will sell by auction, at the above Rooms THIS DAY, at 1.30 p.m.,
Eggs, Poultry, Suckers, Honey, &c.

R. F. MURPHY and CO.,
Auctioneers,
Thomas-street, Haymarket,
will sell by auction at their Rooms and Yards, THIS DAY at 1 p.m. sharp,
Carcase Pork, Veal, Suckers, Porkers, &c.
At 2 p.m.,
Prime Table Poultry from Hawkesbury River; also ex rail, comprising Turkeys, Geese, Fowls, Ducks, Pigeons, Game Birds, &c., also Eggs, Honey, Wax, Hides, &c.

PITT, SON, and BADGERY, Limited, will sell at their Rooms, No. 13 Macquarie-place, at 11.30 a.m. sharp,
Sheepskins.

GEORGE H. MOXHAM and CO. will sell by public auction, at their Produce Stores, Circular Quay, THIS DAY, Friday, 28th instant, on account of whom it may concern,
185 Hides (with all faults, if any), ex s.s. Pilbarra.
TERMS, CASH.

THIS DAY, JULY 28th, at 2.30 p.m.
UNREDEEMED PLEDGES.

A. G. JENKINS will sell, at his Rooms, 274 Pitt-street, the Unredeemed Pledges pawned with Mr. W. B. M'Farlan, at his office, Riley-street, Surry Hills, consisting of
Men's and Women's Clothing, Boots and Shoes
Underclothing, House and Table Linen, and Sundries.

MONDAY, JULY 31st instant, at 2.30 p.m.

On the Premises, METROPOLITAN-ROAD, ENMORE. Under instructions from the Proprietor.

SUPERIOR HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and Effects.

A. G. JENKINS has been instructed to sell as above, on MONDAY.
Fuller particulars in future issue.

ESTATE W. J. ASKINS.

C. F. W. LLOYD will sell by auction, THIS DAY, under instructions from W. H. Palmer, Esq., Official Assignee, in Messrs. Hugh Duff and Coy.'s Rooms, Pitt-street, at 11 a.m., The Right, Title, and Interest (if any) in and to Lots 22, 23, 24, 44, 45, 46, Section 2, Riverstone, and Lot 12, Section 2, Railway-street, Hurstville.

WITHOUT Reserve.—The Bailiff will sell this date, at 12, unless previously settled, on the Premises, 71 Rowntree-street, Balmain, Household Furniture, &c. H. LOADSMAN, Bailiff.

THIS DAY,
FRIDAY, 28th JULY,
at 11 a.m.

IMPORTANT AUCTIONEERS' ANNOUNCEMENT
to
COMMERCIAL AND CITY GENTLEMEN
and the
GENERAL PUBLIC.

ATTRACTIVE UNRESERVED SALE
by public auction
at the
COMMODIOUS AUCTION ROOMS
of
WALTER BRADLEY AND CO.,
324 GEORGE-STREET,
of the
SUPERIOR FURNITURE and OFFICE FITTINGS
in the
ESTATE of PATTISON'S, Limited,
O'Connell-street.

By Order of the Liquidator.

Comprising
MAGNIFICENT HEAVY BOKHARA CARPET, in splendid order, by David Jones and Co.
SEVERAL VERY FINE BOKHARA RUGS
MASSIVE CARVED WALNUT BOARDROOM CHAIRS, in Finest Morocco Skins, made specially to order
VERY HANDSOME SECRETARY DESK, in Oak, Tinted Morris Green
SOLID WALNUT FALL-FRONT DESK, Patent Lock-all Side Drawers
MASSIVE BLACK MARBLE STRIKING TIMEPIECE, in good order
Upholstered Spring-back Secretary Chair, in Best Morocco
SPLENDIDLY FINISHED SOLID CEDAR SAMPLE CABINET, with Sliding Doors
ENCLOSED LAVATORY WASHSTAND, Marble Top and Back
LARGE CEDAR SLOPE-TOP DESK, in use in the counting-house
COPY PRESS and STAND
Copper Boiler and Sundries.

WALTER BRADLEY AND CO. have received instructions from the Liquidator in the Estate of PATTISON'S, Limited, O'Connell-street, to conduct the above Sale, at their Commodious Auction Rooms,
324 GEORGE-STREET,
THIS DAY,
FRIDAY, 28th JULY,
at 11 a.m.

TERMS, CASH.

THIS DAY.

FRIDAY, 28th JULY,
at 11 a.m.

UNRESERVED SALE BY AUCTION,
at the
COMMODIOUS AUCTION ROOMS
of
WALTER BRADLEY and CO.,
324 George-street,
of the
NEW FURNISHED CONTENTS
of a
GENTLEMAN'S PRIVATE RESIDENCE,
in splendid order.

REMOVED BY SANDERS and CO.
from Thornleigh.

The above Furniture has only been in use 12 months, and is almost new in condition.

WALTER BRADLEY AND CO. beg to inform Ladies and Gentlemen Furnishing that they have been favoured with instructions from the owner, who is leaving the colony, to conduct the above Important Sale
THIS DAY,
FRIDAY, 28th JULY,
at 11 a.m.

TERMS, CASH. NO RESERVE.

IN THE BANKRUPT ESTATE of LEWIS and SANDERS, QUEEN-STREET, AUBURN.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY, JULY 28th, at 2.30.

STOCK-IN-TRADE OF BUILDERS.

Scaffolding, Benches, Stone Sills, Mortar Boards, Tiles, Doors, Pine Boards, &c., &c., &c.
1 Cart, Set of Harness, and Sundry Timber.

DALWOOD and CO. have received instructions from N. F. GIBLIN, Esq., OFFICIAL ASSIGNEE to sell the above.

WITHOUT RESERVE.

To Grocers, Tea Dealers, Farmers, and Others.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY, JULY 28th, at 12 o'clock.
AT CHURCH-STREET, PARRAMATTA NORTH.

Clean and well-assorted Stock of General GROCERIES
WINES in bulk and bottled, 3 sets Counter Scales
Upstanding Chestnut Horse, Springcart, and Harness
Saddle and Bridle, 2 Store Trucks, Corn Cracker
Wheelbarrow, &c., &c., &c.

DALWOOD and CO. have received instructions from Mrs. TROWELL to sell the above.
WITHOUT RESERVE.

AT THE EXCHANGE SALEROOM
(The Exchange, Bridge-street),

THIS DAY,
FRIDAY, JULY 28th, 1899, at 3 p.m.

Under instructions from
Messrs. GIBBS, BRIGHT, and CO.
and
Other Importers.

610 Packages CEYLON TEA
(ex Ormuz, Darmstadt, &c., from Colombo).
270 Ditto INDIAN TEA
250 Ditto KOO LOO.
Comprising all grades, from Medium to Finest.

H. W. CAREY and CO.,
TEA BROKERS, &c.,
18 Bridge-street,
Sydney.

SAMPLES "ON SHOW" and CATALOGUES at the BROKERS' OFFICES.

BUILDING MATERIALS, BUILDING MATERIALS.
CONTINUATION SALE of DICKSON'S STEAM SAW MILLS, Bennett-st., off Bondi-road, close to Park.
SATURDAY AFTERNOON, JULY 29, at 3 o'clock.
In Lots to Suit Buyers.
250 Shts. Iron, 8, 7, 6, 5 ft., bright clean lot
200 Studs Batters, and Plates, H.W., all good lengths
Two Ironbark Girders, 25ft., 12 x 12, worth inspection
8 x 6 Oregon Girders, 10 Heavy Round Post, 20ft.
6 x 1 Sds. H'wood, Gas Fittings, Piping, &c.
100 Lots of useful Building Timbers.

GEO. F. BAINES, of 296 Pitt-street, invites residents of Bondi, Waverley, Paddington, and Randwick.
CLEARANCE SALE.

THIS DAY, 11 o'clock.
F.G. Sideboard and Cellarette, Bedroom Suite; ½-T. Bedsteads, 4½ x 4½; Leather Dining-room Suite, Overmantels, Raleigh Gas Stove, Carpets, Linoleums, Pictures, Ornaments, Dining Tables, Dinner and Breakfast Sets, Lot Silver Jewellery.
Furniture is New. Had little use.

JNO. M. CANTY will sell at 11 o'clock, on Premises, Glenroy, Johnston-street, Annandale, near wharf.

THIS DAY, at 2.30.

MIDDLETON and CO. will sell by auction at Hay and George streets, Haymarket, New Trousers, Suits, Shirts, Ladies' Dresses and Underclothing, Quilts, Sheets, Bedding, Portmanteaus, and Sundries. No Reserve.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY, at 11 a.m.,
and
TO-MORROW, SATURDAY, at 2 p.m.
For and on account of various owners.

IMPERATIVE SALE BY AUCTION
at the
Well-known and Spacious Salerooms
of
Messrs. STRONGMAN and WATSON,
BURWOOD STATION,
the Hub of the Western Suburbs,
and convenient to Buyers from every direction.

CONTINUATION SALE BY AUCTION.

VERY HANDSOME and VALUABLE
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.
SPLENDID APPOINTMENTS
in
IMMENSE VARIETY.

SUPERB CARPETS, CURTAINS, DRAPERIES.
SUITES,
and
Requisites of Various Rooms and Outoffices.

PIANOFORTES, ORGANS, BICYCLES.

LOT of RUSTIC STANDS, TABLES, and SEATS.

ABOUT 50 LOVELY TAPESTRY TABLECLOTHS
of Various Sizes,
up to 4 yards long, and Choicest Colourings.

A LOT of BEAUTIFUL ART CHINA SAMPLES,
Doulton Plates, Cups, Jugs, Vases, Epergnes, &c.

TO-DAY at 11, and THEREAFTER TO 5 P.M.

Terms, Cash Before Delivery.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY,
28th JULY, at 11 a.m.

At BROOK and CO.'S MART,
146 ELIZABETH-STREET,
near Liverpool-street.

UNRESERVED SALE BY AUCTION
of
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS,
removed from
Boundary-street, Paddington;
and
Pyrmont Bridge-road.

DRAWING-ROOM SUITE and APPOINTMENTS.

RATTAN CHAIRS.

DINING-ROOM FURNITURE.

Austrian Chairs, Dining Table, Couch
Dinner Service, Tea Set, Cutlery, Glassware, E.P. Ware
Overmantels and Pictures.

The Complete Furnishings of
SEVERAL BEDROOMS.
Black and Brass Bedsteads, Wire Mats, and Bedding.
TWO SUPERIOR BEDROOM SUITES.
WARDROBES, CHESTS DRAWERS, &c.

Toilet Ware
Sheets, Blankets, and Quilts
ENCLOSED KITCHEN DRESSERS
Kitchen Utensils and Sundries.

N.B.—The Goods are in first-class condition.
INSPECTION INVITED.

FOR ABSOLUTE UNRESERVED SALE.

H. W. BROOK AND CO.
have received positive instructions from the separate owners to sell.

THIS DAY, at 11 a.m.

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TO MAKE WAY FOR RE-BUILDING.

CONTINUATION OF

W. TROUP and CO.'S

RUMMAGE SALE.

BEDSTEADS and BEDDING, all sorts
DRAWING and DINING ROOM FURNITURE
COUCHES, CHAIRS, TABLES, SIDEBOARDS
KITCHEN UTENSILS, TINWARE, HOLLOWARE,
CROCKERY for Bedroom, Dining-room, and Kitchen, E.P. WARE, CHINA, GLASS, &c.

TROUP AND CO.
will sell as above this and every day until a clearance is effected, as contractors start rebuilding in a week's time.
W. TROUP, Auctioneer.
Rooms and Offices, 288 Pitt-street.

TO CHEMISTS, MANUFACTURERS, ANALYTICAL CHEMISTS, AERATED MANUFACTURERS, AND OTHERS.

IN A DECEASED ESTATE.

HYAM HAINS has received instructions to sell by Public Auction THIS DAY, Friday, at 11 a.m., on the Premises, at the rear of No. 27 Selwyn and Albion streets, Paddington, Stock-in-trade of a Manufacturing Chemist.
Carbonic Acid Gas Machine, in duplicate
Pressure Gauges, Hydrometers, Pestles and Mortars
Brushes, Funnels, Large Coppers, Labels
Acetic Acid, Tartaric Acid, Phosphate Soda
Bay Rum, Rose Water, Paregoric, Quinine
Boracic Acid, Oil Lavender, Sulphide of Iron
A Great Quantity of Miscellaneous Drugs, Demijohns, Bottles, Capsules, Sundries, &c., &c.

NO RESERVE. TERMS, CASH.

Every line submitted must be sold, being in a Deceased Estate.

ATTRACTIVE and IMPERATIVE SALE.
FANCY GOODS and BICYCLE SALE
THIS DAY, FRIDAY, JULY 28th

15 Cases FANCY GOODS, comprising
BASKET, BRUSH, and PLATED WARES, Stationery
Cutlery, Hardware, Musical Instruments
Mirrors, Workboxes, Writing Desks and Writing Materials
Play Cards, Photo Frames, Pictures, Brackets
Toys and Dolls, Sponges, Scissors, Pocket Knives, Games
Artists' Sets, and many lines of Sundries.
At 12 o'clock sharp, small consignment of Gent.'s High-grade American Bicycles, Dunlop tires, steel rims, adjustable handles, &c.

JAMES RODD and CO. will sell by auction, at their Rooms, 7 Wynyard-street,
FANCY GOODS, in GREAT VARIETY,
FRIDAY, JULY 28, at 11.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY, JULY 28th,
on board Ship Eilbek, lying at the Jubilee Dock, Johnstone's Bay, Balmain, at 3 o'clock.

STANDING and RUNNING RIGGING, BOAT, CANVAS, and SUNDRIES.
Condemned by survey.

On account of whom it may concern.

FRASER, UTHER, and CO. will sell by auction on board Ship Eilbek, at Jubilee Dock, THIS AFTERNOON,
As above.

THIS DAY.

JOHN F. LISTER will sell by auction, at his Rooms, 247A Pitt-street,
The Unredeemed Clothing and Sundries pledged with Mr. E. Joseph, of the Brisbane Loan Office, 65 William-street.
At 11 o'clock, Clothing, Boots, Blankets, &c.
At 12.30 o'clock, Sundries of every description.
N.B.—All jewellery pledged at the South Melbourne Loan, Oxford-square, may be redeemed at the Brisbane Loan Office, 65 William-street.

R. T. HAWKE AND COMPANY,
Auctioneers and Commission Agents,
Railway Siding Produce Mart,
Regent-street,
Telephone, 95 Glebe. Redfern.
Best Prices. Prompt returns. NO CARTAGE PAID.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY, 28th JULY,
at 11 o'clock a.m. prompt.

FOR UNRESERVED SALE BY AUCTION
at
LAWSON and SMITH'S
AUCTION ROOMS, 128, 130 PITT-STREET
(near King-street),

SMALL STOCK OF STATIONERY
and
CIRCULATING LIBRARY.

ON VIEW PRIOR TO SALE.

JAMES R. LAWSON,
LAWSON and SMITH,
has been favoured with instructions to sell by auction, as above.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY,
28th JULY, AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.,
at
LAWSON and SMITH'S
AUCTION ROOMS, 128, 130 PITT-STREET
(near King-street).

IMPORTANT SALE BY AUCTION
of
SUPERIOR FURNITURE and EFFECTS,
Removed from a Residence
at
BAYSWATER-ROAD,
including
SUITE OF TABLE GLASS,
SUPERIOR DINNER SERVICE,
Crown Derby Pattern, 70 pieces,
FINEST QUALITY ELECTROPLATE.

HANDSOME DINING-ROOM SUITE, consisting of Couch, two Easy Chairs, and six Dining Chairs, upholstered in Morocco.
LUXURIOUS DINING-ROOM SUITE, upholstered in the finest Eastern Saddlebags
SOLID WALNUT SIDEBOARD, size 6ft., with bevelled edged mirrors, and conveniently arranged with plate and damask Drawers, Wine Cellarette, and Under Cupboards.

AMERICAN WALNUT PLATE CABINET, constructed with adjustable shelves and enclosed with plate-glass doors; the under part most conveniently fitted with Plate and Damask Drawers and Under Cabinets; size, 6ft.
SOLID WALNUT DINING TABLE, with four spare leaves and patent screw, extending 12ft.
TELESCOPE DINING TABLES, with patent screws and spare leaves; sizes, 6, 8, and 10 ft.

EXQUISITE OVERMANTELS.

AXMINSTER AND BRUSSELS CARPETS.

DRAWING-ROOM APPOINTMENTS,
including
EBONISED DRAWING-ROOM SUITE, beautifully upholstered in Genoa Velvet and Plush.

VERY HANDSOME DRAWING-ROOM CABINET, made in American Walnut, size 5ft.
BLACK MARBLE CLOCK, a reliable timekeeper.
MUSICAL BOX, in first-class order.

WALNUT PIANOFORTE, by Feurich
WALNUT PIANOFORTE, by Simper
WALNUT PIANOFORTE, by Andre
EBONISED PIANOFORTE, by Bonisch.

OAK HALL STAND.

AMERICAN WALNUT STAND-UP DESK, suitable for a Barrister.

WALNUT ROLL-TOP DESK, size 4ft. 6in.
"THE NATIONAL" SEWING-MACHINE, in perfect order.

BEDROOM FURNITURE,
comprising
DOUBLE AND SINGLE BEDROOM SUITES.

EXTRA LARGE BEDSTEAD,
VERY HANDSOME BLACK-AND-BRASS HALF-TESTER, size 6ft. 6 x 5ft. 6.
Removed from a Residence at
ALBERT-STREET, WOOLLAHRA.

DOUBLE AND SINGLE HALF-TESTER BEDSTEADS, with Woven-wire Spring Mattresses and Best Bedding.
TWENTY EIDER DOWN QUILTS AND BED-COVERS, in Cretonne and sateen.

FINE SINGLE WARDROBE, FINE LINEN PRESS.

TWO CRYSTAL CHANDELIERS, for four and six lights.
PATENT CASH REGISTER, registers from 3d to 1s.

Also,
FINEST ROSS HALF-PLATE TWIN LENS CAMERA, with all appliances complete, consisting of Bausch Lomb patent shutter front and focal plane, shutter back, case double dark slides, tripod, case, &c. The lenses are Ross's finest rapid symmetrical. Original cost, £60.

LANCASTER ENLARGING LANTERN, with 9-inch condenser.

FOUR SPECIALLY-MADE GO-CARTS and TWO PERAMBULATORS.

KITCHEN AND LAUNDRY REQUISITES, &c., &c., &c.

JAMES R. LAWSON,
LAWSON AND SMITH,
has been favoured with instructions to conduct the Important Sale by auction as above
THIS DAY, FRIDAY,
28th JULY, AT 11 A.M.

WITHOUT ANY RESERVE.

TO GUNSMITHS, IRONMONGERS, COUNTRY BUYERS, DEALERS, and OTHERS.

FOR SALE BY AUCTION,
AT THE ROOMS, 12 BARRACK-STREET,
THIS DAY, FRIDAY, JULY 28,
AT 11 O'CLOCK SHARP.

UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE MANUFACTURERS, L. ANCION and CO.
Just Landed, ex S.S. Flensburg,
MAGNIFICENT AND SPECIALLY SELECTED SHIPMENT
of
BREECHLOADING GUNS, 12 GAUGE,
in
SUPERIOR TWIST, TREBLE BOLT IMPROVED, HAMMERLESS, SALOON RIFLES, CARBINES, REVOLVERS, &c.
Also,
2 TONS BROWN WRAPPING PAPER,
3 CASES TABLE and POCKET CUTLERY, ASSORTED,
150 DOZ. TIN TEAPOTS, Various Sizes,
ASSORTMENT of GENERAL IRONMONGERY.

A. TRAVERSI and CO. will sell the above, at their Rooms, 12 Barrack-street, THIS DAY, FRIDAY, July 28, at 11 o'clock sharp.

At the ROOMS, BARRACK-STREET.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY,
at 11 O'CLOCK SHARP.

ON ACCOUNT OF THOSE CONCERNED.

16 COOKING STOVES (Oil)
HANGING LAMPS, FOLDING TABLE and SEAT
MAIL CARTS and PERAMBULATORS.

A. TRAVERSI and CO. will sell the above, THIS DAY, at 11 o'clock sharp.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY.

ORDER OF SALE

SHARES,
CITY AND SUBURBAN PROPERTIES,
to be
SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION,
at the Rooms, Pitt-street, at 11.30 a.m.,
THIS DAY (FRIDAY).

SHARES.—Civil Service Co-operative Co., Ltd.
CITY.—Store, No. 102 Sussex-street, between King and Erskine streets. Executor's sale.
CITY.—The Australian Bond, four Stores, Young-street, Circular Quay. Trustee's sale.
WOOLLOOMOOLOO.—Cottage, No. 81 Brougham-street, and Land, Brougham and Duke streets, adjoining. Executor's sale.
POTTS POINT.—Residence, ROCKWALL, Rockwall-street, west of Macleay-street. Mortgagee's sale.
BALMAIN.—The Cricketers' Arms Hotel, Darling and Ford streets, FREE OF LEASE. Executor's sale.
DITTO.—Two Shops, adjoining above, Nos. 281 and 283 Darling-street. Executor's sale.
DITTO.—Three Shops and Dwellings, Nos. 285 to 287 Darling-street. Executor's sale.
WOOLLAHRA.—Cottage, No. 304 Old South Head-road, and Land at Grafton-street, leasehold, between Vernon and Rowe streets. Executor's sale.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd.

BY ORDER of T. W. GARRETT, Esq., Curator of Intestate Estates.

CAMPERDOWN.—3 DWELLINGS, ELIZABETH-STREET, built of brick, W.B. and Iron, being Nos. 25 and 27; and 2-STORY Brick and Iron House at rear of No. 27. Land 80ft. to ELIZABETH-STREET by 60ft. DEEP, being lots 203 and 204 O'Connell Estate.

J. E. GREEN and CO. have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, in their Rooms, 110 PITT-STREET, on THURSDAY, August 3rd, at 11.30 o'clock,
The above.

PROPERTY SALE, at the Rooms, 113 Pitt-street, MONDAY, 31st July, 1899, at 11.30 a.m.

STANMORE, Bright-street.—Brick COTTAGE, hall, 4 rooms, kitchen, pantry, washhouse, copper, &c.; land 40ft. x 120ft.; Torrens.
Also, by Order of the Mortgagees.
LEICHHARDT, 45 Elswick-street, between Rose and Jarrett streets.—Brick COTTAGE, with iron roof, containing hall, 4 rooms, kitchen, washhouse, front verandah; land 20 x 100; Torrens.
RANDWICK, Frederick-street, near Perouse-street.—Lots 22, 23, 24, sec. 3, Ethelstone Estate, 120ft. x 120ft.; Torrens title.
PETERSHAM, 21 Thomas-street, off Canterbury-road.—Brick COTTAGE, with slate roof, and containing hall, 5 rooms, kitchen, bathroom, washhouse; land 22ft. 6in. x 80ft.; Torrens title.
WATKIN and WATKIN, Auctioneers.

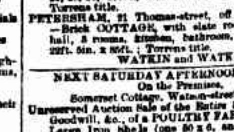
NEXT SATURDAY AFTERNOON, at 3 o'clock.
On the Premises,
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A. LLDIS and CO., having been favoured with instructions from Mr. Thompson, will sell as above.

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divided into 30,000 Shares of 10s each, of which 17,000 are now offered for subscription, payable 2s per share on application, and 2s per share on allotment; the balance, if required, in Calls not exceeding 1s per share, at intervals of not less than one month.

13,000 Shares fully paid up will be allotted to the Vendors in full consideration for the property, the issue of 10,000 of such shares being deferred until the dredge is at work.

All the capital subscribed will be placed to the credit of the Company, less brokerage, legal and other expenses incidental to its formation.

Allotment will be made according to priority of application.

In the event of the Company not being formed all deposits will be returned in full.

PROVISIONAL DIRECTORS: The Hon. A. J. GOULD, M.L.C., 121 Pitt-street, Sydney; Dr. READ, Equitable-buildings, Sydney; Dr. GEORGE READ, Braidwood; PERCIVAL WILSON, Esq., Auckland, New Zealand.

BANKERS: THE CITY BANK OF SYDNEY.
SOLICITORS: GOULD and SHAW, 121 Pitt-street.
CONSULTING ENGINEER: W. H. PIPER, C.E., Equitable-buildings.
BROKERS: MULLENS and CO., 92 Pitt-street.
LEGAL MANAGER: R. V. SADDINGTON, 3 Gresham-street, Sydney.

This Company is being formed for the purpose of acquiring and working, by means of a bucket dredge of the latest and most approved type, a gold-mining area of 96 acres situated on the Shoalhaven River, about six miles from Braidwood.

The property is held by virtue of an application for a Special Lease for gold-mining purposes, made in terms of the Mining Act Further Amendment Act, 1884, the application being approved and gazetted on 20th January, 1899. It embraces over a mile of the river bed and beaches, and varies from four to fifteen chains in width. Mr. Wilson, who had come over from New Zealand for the purpose of securing a dredging proposition, selected the ground in June, 1898, as the best available site on the Shoalhaven River.

The reports of Mr. C. E. Richardson, M.E., late manager of the Manorburn Gold-dredging Company, Limited, of Alexandra, New Zealand, and of Mr. John W. H. Piper, C.E., are attached hereto, together with a sketch plan of the property proposed to be acquired.

Special attention is directed to the following prominent features in these reports:—

1. The wash is a good rough river deposit, friable and easily treated.
2. There are no engineering difficulties.
3. The gold is of good quality, worth £3 17s 10d per ounce.
4. The gold is a class that will save easily on dredge tables.
5. The claim is easy to work: plenty of water and rich in gold.

Two tons of wash, recently taken promiscuously from the lease by Mr. St. Clair, the owner of Tippin's, the adjoining claim, yielded 1dwt. of gold. One cubic yard of wash treated under the supervision of Mr. Richardson yielded nine grains. The gold, the results of both tests, is on view at the office of the Brokers.

Allowing for stoppages, accidents, and all other contingencies, it is estimated that a dredge with a capacity of 120 cubic yards per hour, as suggested by Mr. Richardson, will treat on the average at least 9000 cubic yards per week for 48 weeks in the year. At 5 grains per yard this is equivalent to a yield of 93oz. per week, or 4278oz. per annum, worth at £3 17s 10d per oz. £16,648.

The actual cost of working the dredge is estimated at £55 per week, and assuming that £70 will cover working, administration, and all other incidental expenses, the expenditure will be £3640, to which has to be added rental £96, leaving a profit of £12,912, or 8s per share, with a margin of £912.

An agreement, dated the 25th day of July, 1899, has been entered into between George Read and Percival Wilson, vendors, of the one part, and Robert Vernon Saddington (as trustee for the Company) of the other part, for the purchase by the Company of the property and the issue to the vendors of 13,000 fully paid-up shares, and may be inspected at the office of the Solicitors.

It is believed that the above is the only contract the date and parties to which are required by the No Liability Companies Act to be specified in this Prospectus; but in order to prevent any question applicants for shares shall be deemed to waive any further compliance with that Act.

The draft rules of the Company may be also inspected at the office of the Solicitors.

Sydney, 26th July, 1899.

11 Vickery's Chambers, Pitt-street, Sydney, July 21st, 1899.

Dr. READ, Braidwood.

Dear Sir,—

I beg to report having inspected your Special Gold Lease No. 1, on the Shoalhaven River, situated about seven miles from Braidwood, and about four miles above the Warri Bridge. The Colombo Creek enters the lease towards the upper end.

Area of the lease is 96 acres, practically all carrying gold-bearing wash of considerable depth, and very suitable for bucket dredging. The property is a compact one, its length being little over a mile.

Formation of the country rocks throughout the claim is granite, and the bottom, wherever it has been reached, is a soft decomposed granite, which is a most suitable bottom for cleaning up with a bucket dredge.

Wash is a good rough river deposit, friable and very easily treated. The stones are all well waterworn, and there is an absence of clay throughout the claim.

Floating Seam.—There is a cementy seam occurring in some places, varying in depth from 6 to 12 inches, and a little below water level. This is called by local diggers the pipe clay bottom. Below this seam there is a good solid wash carrying gold in sufficient quantities to pay miners working with cradle, but they can seldom get it on account of the water. This seam being generally the depth worked to, has become known as the pipe clay bottom.

Depth.—I made many inquiries as to the depth of ground below this seam, but was not able to get any information, as the only parts that had been bottomed were in shallow places about 15 feet. My opinion is that the deepest of the ground in your lease will run to 25 feet below water, and bottom will be practically all soft decomposed granite. The ground is for the most part low-lying, the upper end and the V shaped piece below Tippin's hut being the only ground more than 10 feet above water. Area of ground 10 feet above water I estimate at about 12 acres. The claim is not bound on both sides, so that the river deposit of gold must be within your lease.

There are no engineering difficulties, three-quarters of the claim being totally free from rockbars. Of the remaining quarter, about 4 acres could not be dredged on account of the bars running through it. This is at the extreme top of the claim.

Water.—There is an abundance of water in the driest seasons. The river is subject to freshes at times, but they are of rare occurrence and of little consequence, because in taking up a cut with a dredge part of the beach would be taken. This would provide a sheltered spot into which dredge would be hauled, and where she would be clear of drift timber and perfectly safe.

Building Site.—There is an excellent building site close to the lower boundary on the eastern side of the river, with a permanent waterhole of considerable depth to launch into and open out from into ground already proved sufficiently rich to pay for working by hand. I estimate prospects taken 4 feet from surface, close to proposed building site, would give 5 grains to the load.

Communication.—The lease is accessible by a good road, so that cartage will not be a big item of expense. Material would go to Tarago by rail, thence by waggon a distance of about 34 miles.

Fuel will be cheap. Excellent firewood is close at hand on all sides, and would be available at an estimated cost of 5s per cord.

Prospects.—I had prospects taken in many places and all showed gold, but the ground was so wet that it was impossible to get down more than from 2 feet to 2 feet 6 inches below the surface of actual bed.

Gold is of good quality, being worth £3 17s 10d per ounce. Samples I got myself all showed that it is a class of gold that will save easily on dredge tables. Sample No. 1 was taken from one measured cubic yard of solid gravel wash taken above water line, and contains nine grains. This was put through a cradle. No. 2 is the result of several dishes of stuff taken from about two feet below water. It will be easily seen that gold is of the same class in each sample. These prospects were taken from opposite ends of claim.

Old Diggings.—A great amount of work has been done by fossickers on your claim for many years, but they have only patched over the surface, and on very rare occasions did they reach the bottom and this only in shallow places.

Repeated attempts have been made with steam pumps and water wheels to get down, but operations have always been interrupted by freshes in the river. In this class of work a rise of a foot or two spoilt the work of months.

Dredge.—I would recommend that a bucket dredge, capable of working to 25 feet deep and fitted with a tailings elevator, be secured to work the ground. Dredge to be capable of putting through 120 tons per hour nominal. I estimate the cost of such a dredge complete at from £5750 to £6000.

In conclusion I would express the opinion that your claim is a very valuable one. Easy to work, plenty of water, and rich in gold.

I have pleasure in being able to recommend your property as a solid investment, and one that must pay extremely well to work by means of bucket dredging.

Yours faithfully,
C. E. RICHARDSON, M.E.
Late Dredge Master Manorburn and Matakitaki Gold Dredging Co.'s, both of New Zealand.

Equitable Buildings, George-street, Sydney, July 5th, 1899.

To Dr. READ, Braidwood.

SHOALHAVEN RIVER SPECIAL GOLD LEASE No. 1.

Dear Sir,—

Acting under your instructions, I visited and inspected the Dredging Lease held by you on the Shoalhaven River.

The property is situated about six miles from Braidwood, at the junction of the Colombo Creek, embracing about 1½ miles of the river bed and beaches, and from 4 to 15 chains in width; a total area of 96 acres.

The wash is free and amenable to dredging operations. There are no bars or large boulders that would at all interfere with successful dredging.

On the property there are two large islands; the upper one is covered with standing timber, and lies from 6 to 25 feet above the river level, and has evidently formed part of the left bank.

The lower island is for the most part covered with drift sand, but I do not anticipate the slightest difficulty in dealing with it.

The bottom, I understand, where it has been exposed in the old workings on the banks, is, on the upper portion of the property, composed of decomposed granite; whilst on the lower portion, the bottom consists of pipeclay; both bottoms are very suitable where dredging operations are contemplated.

The depth of the wash in the river can only be approximately stated; however, judging from appearances and from the work already done on the river banks, I do not anticipate the depth will exceed 25 feet.

The river bed, I am informed, has been worked on a small scale with wing dams and pumping, but floods have generally put a stop to operations. The banks in many places have been worked in a desultory way for many years, whilst the terraces have been ground sluiced for very good results, I understand, with storm water; but by reason of the excessive droughts and the consequent scarcity of water, these workings have been practically abandoned.

A small ground sluicing claim, locally known as Tippin's, situated on the bottom end of the property, is at present being worked by a race which takes its water higher up the river; but the slightest fresh in the river generally has the effect of damaging the race and dam, and temporarily putting a stop to operations. However, the ground has been giving good results. The party working it informs me that the ground averages nearly 6 grains to the load. It has, however, never been bottomed on account of the difficulty of coping with the water.

On the opposite bank of the river I am informed that a party made as much as one dwt. per day per man.

I prospected the property on both sides myself, and never failed to obtain gold, some of my prospects indicated very good ground.

The foregoing facts go to prove the general auriferous character of the property, and give a good indication of the nature of gold in the river. Naturally it is a very difficult matter to arrive at an estimate of the value of the wash in the river except by actual dredging, but from prospects and from information gathered from local residents, I should estimate the ground to average about 5 grs. to the load throughout.

A good road connects with the main road, giving easy access to the property. The surrounding country is covered with timber, so that fuel should be delivered very cheaply.

In conclusion, I am of an opinion that you have an excellent property, and one that can be easily and economically worked.

A dredge suitable for your property will cost about £6000, fitted with all modern improvements and delivered under steam on the ground.

Your working expenses should not exceed £55 per week.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN W. H. PIPER, C.E., M.Am.I.M.E., M.Aus.I.M.E.

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Specifications may be seen with the undersigned during office hours.
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T. A. WATSON,
Town Hall, North Botany. Council Clerk.
July 26, 1899.

BRICKLAYERS and Plasterers.—TENDERS wanted Bricklaying, labour only; Plastering, labour and material, 2 cottages, partly erected, in Foucart-st., Balmain. Plans, specifications, J. Booth and Co., Ltd., Balm'n.

BRICKLAYERS.—TENDERS wanted, labour only. Corner of Yule-st. and Wardell-rd., Marrickville.

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DRAINERS.—Tenders wanted for Connecting Sewer in Balmain. M. Shortus, 218 King-st., Newtown.

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PAINTERS.—TENDERS for Papering and Colouring Two Rooms, at 7 Morehead-st., Waterloo.

PLUMBERS.—Tenders for Roofing, Guttering, &c., New shops, Parramatta-rd., near Catherine-st., Leich'dt.

(60-69) Town Clerk's Office, Sydney, 27th July, 1899.
TO CONTRACTORS.
TENDERS will be received at this office until 11 a.m. on WEDNESDAY, 2nd August, for Erecting Gates and Subdividing Fences at the Cattle Saleyards, Flemington.
Plan and specification at the office of the City Surveyor.
JNO. R. PALMER, Town Clerk.

TO BUILDERS.—TENDERS are invited till 20th August, 1899, for the Erection of a three-sack Flour-mill for the Coonabarabran Co-operative Flour Milling Company at Coonabarabran.
Plans, specifications, and all particulars on application to the Secretary Co-operative Flour Milling Company, Coonabarabran. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

TENDERS wanted Laying 30,000 Bricks (l. o.), more or less. E. Labatt, architect, Paul-st., Randwick.

TENDERS wanted for Plastering, labour only. Apply No. 10 Lighthouse-st., N. Sydney, after 6 p.m. 29th.

TENDERS required for Connecting Closet with Sewer. T. Gardner, 56 Margaret-st., Newtown.

TENDERS wanted for Plumbing of two jobs, labour only. G. C. Cruickshank, 29 Hunter-st., Sydney.

TENDERS wanted for Painting three houses. Apply Havilland, Glebe Point.

TENDERS small job Mason Work. Aulsebrook's Biscuit Factory, Camperdown.

TENDERS wanted for Connecting House and Cottage, Enmore, with Sewer. Gledhill, Rlwy. Bridge, N'town.

TENDERS wanted for Plumbing and Plastering, labour only. W. Nicholls, back of 328 Crown-st., S. H.

TENDERS for Painting Alma Cottage, Jennings-st., Alexandria, labour only. Specifications on job.

TENDERS for Painting 7 Weatherboard Cottages, West-st., 22 Barcom-st., Darlinghurst.

Tenders.

TENDERS required to Connect Houses with Sewer at Balmain. Mr. G. Van Brackel, 20a Strand.

TENDERS wanted Connect with Sewer. Saturday afternoon, 31 Smith-st., Summer Hill.

TENDERS Carting Stone, 700 or 800 cubic feet. John Campbell, Salisbury Dairy, off French-rd., Willoughby.

TENDERS for Connecting Premises to Sewer. Amlea, Windsor-rd., Petersham, near Old Canterbury-rd.

TENDERS for Slating, labour only. Apply Annandale-st., back of Hunter-Baillie Church, Annandale.

TENDER wanted Connect 2 Cottages with Sewerage, 51 Elswick-st., Leichhardt.

TO SLATERS.—Tenders for Slating and Ridging, New Building, Bream-st., off Carrington-rd., Randwick.

WANTED to Purchase, a SPIRAL STAIRCASE, about 14ft. high. W. H. PALING and CO., Ltd., 338 George-street.

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CHAPTER VIII.—(Continued.)

Although Nan had not expressed her feelings with any such voluble energy as Guy, she was just as much puzzled as he was.

Throughout the rest of the day she watched Margery closely, though she did not mention the subject of the engagement. She was determined, however, to do this when a good opportunity offered for a long, undisturbed, confidential chat; but, in the meantime, she was anxious to make further observations, and to confirm or destroy her opinion.

In Margery, Nan was sure she could see the signs of unhappiness. She was acting a part well enough to deceive both the captain and Godfrey, and even Guy, but not to mislead the girl's quicker penetration.

Godfrey, for his part, seemed like one transfigured with ecstasy. He was altogether unlike himself: talkative, cheerful, and laughing; while his eyes followed Margery everywhere. His tale-telling, sensitive face was flushed with a heightened colour, and his eyes shone with happiness."

The captain was scarcely less delighted, and his laughter was frequent and boisterous; and he cracked jokes with Nan and Guy about the lovers till the pair both blushed.

After the dinner was over and they were all in the drawing-room, he went and fetched down some jewels, and put a necklet of splendid pearls round Margery's neck.

"For Godfrey's wife," he said, kissing her.

Then he turned to Nan and gave her a spray of diamonds and pearls, bidding her to put it into her hair at once, to mark one of the happiest days of his life, he said; and to Guy he gave a heavy gold watch-chain.

"Godfrey needs nothing," he said, with such a happy smile, as he took Margery by the hand and led her to where his son was sitting. "He has one of the finest jewels out of God's own casket," and he joined their hands and kissed the girl."

Then he called for music, and sat with his arm on the cripple's shoulder, while the girls played and sang, sometimes alone and sometimes together. Now and again he asked for some favourite song, generally from Margery; and as her rich, sweet, full contralto voice sang the words and music he loved, the measure of his happiness seemed complete.

He sent them all away to bed early. He was too happy, he said, and must be left alone to get calm. And when Margery lingered a few minutes with him and saw how happy she had made him, she had not a thought of regret for the price which she had paid for it.

When she reached her room, she remembered there was one thing she had yet to do, and she set about it at once. She took from her mother's desk the little packet of what had once been "her treasures"—the trifles that had been dear to her for Alan's sake. She untied the string with quick, nervous fingers and took out the "treasures." She could hardly trust herself to look at them, and fought hard against the temptation to kiss them. She was brave, however, and strengthened her will by the thoughts of the captain. The dead flowers she crushed together, and then separating petal from petal, tossed them out into the night air. The little silver coin she threw after them; and then, after she had feasted her eyes for one hungry minute upon it, she cut the photograph into slips, and burnt them at the gas, scattering the ashes out of the window; and she burnt even the paper in which all had been wrapped. Then she closed the desk, and began to take down her hair, resolutely determined not to think of the past. But she could not persevere. The love of a life was too strong to be shut down even by her resolute will; and after a struggle she sat down in her low armchair, and, covering her face with her hands, yielded herself up to the thoughts that were so strong and so sweet.

After a while she felt two soft, warm arms taking her in a loving embrace, while Nan's voice, sweet and comforting, whispered in her ear.

"Sis-sis, I've come to know what it all means. Trust me, darling."

The touch of sympathy was infinitely sweet after all the trials of the day, and Margery was so glad to feel the girl near her that she burst into tears.

Nan, always clever and tactful, let her cry without saying a word, and then, simply saying that she was going to sleep with Margery, waited till she got her into bed before asking anything more.

"Now, little mother, I mean to know everything," she said.

By this time Margery had recovered something of her self-possession, and was on the defensive.

"What do you mean by everything? What is there to know?"

"You are going to trust me entirely, that's what I mean by everything. You are going to tell me why you have promised to marry Godfrey when—when you love Alan Ramsay."

Her voice sank to a whisper here.

"Hush! Nan, you don't know what you are saying," cried Margery.

"Do you think I don't know what's been going on under my nose?" asked Nan. "Do you think I haven't seen what you think about Alan, and what he thinks about you? Oh, Madge, Madge, you little hypocrite. Now, will you tell me?"

But Margery had covered up her face as if to hide her blushes even in the dark, and said feebly:

"There is nothing to tell."

"Well, I must put it another way, then. Why were you quite yourself last night up to the time when you had that talk with uncle, which made you so miserable afterwards? And why was uncle so wretched up to that moment, and then so full of spirits this morning? And why was Godfrey so excruciatingly dumpy right up to breakfast-time, and then in such a fever of delight afterwards? Are you going to tell me the answer, or leave me to read it for myself?"

"There is nothing to tell, except that Godfrey has asked me to marry him, and I have promised. I'm very tired and sleepy, dear."

"Very well, Margy," said Nan, in a tone of resignation, kissing her, "I won't worry you. I'm going to sleep now. Good-night."

She kissed her again, and turned away as if to go to sleep, and, after a minute, said quietly:

"I can wait till to-morrow, and then I can ask uncle how it is that he was so delighted with what made you so miserable. Good-night."

"Nan! Nan, dearest!" cried Margery, alarmed at the mere threat.

Nan took no notice, except to yawn and say good-night again.

"Nan, don't go to sleep. I want to talk to you, Nan."

"What is it? It's my turn to be tired and sleepy now. You're too tired to talk. Go to sleep."

"Don't tease; turn round and tell me what you want to know."

"If I do, I shall be very hard on you now," said Nan, smiling to herself.

"Turn round, Nan," said Margery, putting her arm over the other.

"Will you promise to answer my questions?"

"I'll try."

"Very well, now," said Nan, turning round, and kissing Margery, "tell me first, why have you promised to marry Godfrey?"

"Because he asked me," replied Margery.

"Pouf," with an indignant breath. "Do you love him?"

"We all love him."

"Yes, but we don't all want to marry him," was the quick reply. "I'll put it another way. Do you love Alan Ramsay?"

No answer.

"Do you love Alan Ramsay?"

"Not enough to be his wife."

"Oh, you fibber, you prevaricator, you—Margery! But I know what you mean," she said shrewdly. "You mean not enough to override the other inducements that have prevailed with you. Ah, you may start; but I can see through your flimsy pretences. Why, that day when Mr. Dallas was here, you showed it so plainly that anyone could see it."

Then, suddenly, with a rapid and complete change from banter to exceeding tenderness, the girl kissed Margery, and said:

"Nay, sis-sis, open your heart to me, darling. Tell me why you have wrecked your love, and perhaps spoilt poor Alan's life, to make this promise. I'll help you if you tell me, and you know I'm stanch, don't you? Is it for pity of Godfrey?"

The swift change had conquered Margery, who was nearly in tears.

(To be continued.)

NEW SOUTH WALES PARLIAMENT.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THURSDAY, JULY 27.

The President took the chair at half-past 4 o'clock.

ADDRESS TO HIS EXCELLENCY.

Mr. HUGHES moved,—"That the following address be adopted as a reply of this House to the message of the Governor communicating the fact that his Excellency had assumed the government of the colony,—'To his Excellency the Right Honourable William, Earl Beauchamp, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies.—May it please your Excellency,—We, the members of the Legislative Council, in Parliament assembled, desire to express our thanks for your Excellency's message informing us of your assumption of the government of the colony, in virtue of a commission from her Most Gracious Majesty appointing you Governor and Commander-in-Chief. We beg your Excellency to accept our cordial congratulations on your appointment, and to assure you that the choice made by the Queen will tend to increase and strengthen the loyal attachment of all classes to her Majesty's Throne and person.'"

The motion was agreed to.

TOTALISATOR BILL.

Mr. TRICKETT, on behalf of Mr. Pilcher, moved for leave to bring in a bill to legalise the use of an instrument known as the totalisator on racecourses, subject to certain restrictions and regulations, and to more effectually cope with the practice of gaming, and for other purposes in connection therewith. He said that the bill had been through the ordeal of a Select Committee of the House, and had reached the second reading stage when the prorogation terminated its career.

SIR ARTHUR RENWICK said that on the last occasion when the bill was under consideration he took the opportunity of giving it every possible opposition on the second reading. He was well aware that it was not customary to object to the introduction of a bill, but the reason why he did object to this motion going as a formal one was that he desired by doing so to call the attention of the public at large to the fact that the measure had again been introduced in that Chamber, notwithstanding the very warm reception given to it on a former occasion. It would be his duty to take every possible step to oppose the introduction of the totalisator, inasmuch as he looked upon it as a means of legalising gambling in this colony. (An hon. member: "No.")

Mr. TRICKETT said that if the hon. gentleman thoroughly understood the merits of the measure he would know that it was really not a step in the direction of legalising gambling, but to minimise it, and his objections would disappear. (Hear, hear.)

The motion was agreed to, and the bill was brought in and read the first time.

CAPERTEE TRAMWAY BILL.

On the motion of Mr. Trickett the Capertee Tramway Bill was read the second time, passed through its remaining stages, and forwarded to the Assembly for concurrence.

CONSOLIDATING BILLS.

The MINISTER FOR JUSTICE moved for leave to bring in the following consolidating bills, viz.:—Small Debts Recovery Bill, Matrimonial Causes Bill, Marriage Bill, Printing Bill, Wharfage and Tonnage Bill, Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages Bill, Crimes Bill, Landlord and Tenant Bill, Infants' Custody and Settlement Bill, Patents Bill, Public Vehicles Bill, Stage Carriages Bill, Book Purchasers' Protection Bill, Felons' Apprehension Bill, Prisons Bill, Factors Bill, Police Regulation Bill, Companies Bill.

The motion was agreed to, and the bills were brought in and read the first time.

TEMPORARY SUPPLY BILL.

The MINISTER FOR JUSTICE moved,—"That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of a bill intituled 'A Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the services of the year 1899-1900; and for services to be hereafter provided for by loan,' through all its stages during one sitting of the Council."

The motion was agreed to, and the bill having come up from the Assembly was read the first time.

The MINISTER FOR JUSTICE moved the second reading of the bill, and said that the measure provided supply for the months of July and August a sum of £1,024,000 to defray the ordinary expenditure for that period, and also a sum of £473,517 for the services set forth in the schedule. The sum of £1,024,000 was made up at the rate of one-sixth of the revenue required for the same services during the past financial year, which amounted to £8,144,773. The schedule provided for the expenditure of certain sums amounting to £473,517, and the details would be found there. One item was £300,000 for the construction and maintenance of roads and bridges generally pending the passing of an Appropriation Act for 1899-1900. The money would be expended at the most advantageous period of the year. The next item was £25,000 for the maintenance and repairs of public buildings and services generally, and this expenditure was most urgent for the preservation of public buildings in all departments, and to avoid further expenditure. The next item was £50,000 for the Treasurer's advance account to enable the Treasury to make advances to public officers and on account of other Governments, and to pay expenses of an unforeseen nature which would afterwards be submitted for Parliamentary appropriation—the whole amount to be adjusted not later than June 30, 1901. He need not go into the other items, as the schedule explained them.

Dr. MACLAURIN asked whether the Darling Harbour improvements had ever been approved by the Public Works Committee, and how much had already been expended?

The MINISTER FOR JUSTICE said that £104,000 was provided for in the Loan Estimates years ago, and the additional sum of £6000 was required until the passing of the Additional Loan Estimates in order to continue the work already in hand.

Dr. MACLAURIN: Has it ever been approved by the Public Works Committee?

The MINISTER FOR JUSTICE said that he would make inquiry. The works had, however, been approved by Parliament, and as far as he could understand this was an additional amount required to complete the work.

Dr. MACLAURIN said he did not intend to take up the time of the House discussing these items, for in the first place there was not a very large attendance of hon. members, and secondly it did not seem to be of any great practical value discussing matters of that kind in the Council, as it was not attended with very great results. He, however, desired to take exception once more to the various matters which were charged to loan votes, and which ought to be defrayed out of current revenue. The idea of charging to the loan vote the installation of the electric light at Government House and the gaols of the colony was scandalous, especially as it was quite probable that before the installation was completed some improved system would be devised. The principal reason, however, which induced him to rise was to enable him to give what he might call a personal explanation. Some few sessions ago he expressed an opinion that ever since the present Government had come into power it had practically never had a surplus at all, and that they had been guilty of misrepresentation of the public finances; and that instead of having a surplus each year there had been a deficiency. Of course private persons had very great difficulty in finding out the true state of affairs, but as far as he could make out no surplus had existed during the period he had stated. The Government in their usual ready way had turned his statements into ridicule; but it had been proved by the report of the Auditor-General, which has now come to hand, that he was right throughout. The Auditor-General proved conclusively that in each year since 1894 there had been a deficiency and not a surplus, as the Premier had represented, and that the total deficiency to June 30, 1898, was £3,098,598 3s 2d. That report showed that 'Parliament had been systematically hoodwinked as to the real deficiency that existed. The Government was now resorting to the contemptible expedient of relieving the consolidated revenue by providing out of loan votes for expenditure which should be defrayed out of consolidated revenue.

The MINISTER FOR JUSTICE said he might say for the information of the hon. member that with regard to the Darling Harbour wharfage extension works the total expenditure up to the present time was £530,000, and that this work was begun before the Public Works Committee was in existence.

Dr. MACLAURIN: Has it never been before them?

The MINISTER FOR JUSTICE: I understand that it has not, and that the work began before the Public Works Committee was instituted.

Dr. MACLAURIN: But is not this part of the work rejected by the Public Works Committee?

The MINISTER FOR JUSTICE said it was not, as far as he was aware. At any rate, the work represented by the item now in the schedule was necessary to complete the expenditure already incurred by previous Governments, and which was started before the Public Works Committee came into existence. With regard to the figures referred to by the hon. gentleman, in dealing with the Auditor-General's report it would be found, if they analysed the figures, that there were items of expenditure which would be recouped by the sale of land, and other items had been approved by the Auditor-General. The Government claimed that certain items had already been provided for, but the Auditor-General preferred to surcharge them. He was perfectly satisfied in his own mind that an analysis of the figures would show that the Auditor-General had perhaps been a little too exacting in the manner in which he treated these figures.

Dr. MACLAURIN: Most people are exacting in the matter of figures.

The motion was agreed to, and the bill was read the second time. The House then went into committee on the bill.

On clause 1

Dr. MACLAURIN said that what he was insisting upon was that between December 31, 1894, when the Government really took charge, and June 30, 1898, they represented to the country that they were carrying on business with a surplus every year, when in reality there was a deficit. His point was that the Auditor-General had shown that there had been an increasing deficit every year, and that it had increased from about £2,735,000 in 1894 to over £3,000,000 in 1898.

Clause 1 and also the remaining clauses of the bill were then agreed to.

Upon the schedule being proposed,

Mr. PULSFORD expressed great regret at certain sums that appeared in the schedule to be provided for out of loan votes. There was, for instance, the installation of electric light at Government House, store premises and other works for the Sobraon, and accommodation and other works for the Jenolan Caves. These are items which should be provided out of the current revenue, and it was a matter of regret that they should be placed in loan votes. It struck him too that the amount proposed for the Bellinger River was especially open to objection, as he thought last year a bill authorising that improvement was thrown out. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. COX moved the omission of the item of £4000 for Bellinger River improvements.

Dr. CULLEN said he hoped the hon. member would not press his amendment, because if the item was left out it would render the work which had already been completed to a great extent useless, and perhaps do irretrievable harm.

The MINISTER for JUSTICE said that the sum of £33,000 had already been spent on the improvement of the Bellinger River harbour, and unless the sum now proposed was expended the amount referred to would be absolutely wasted. The £4000 was required to carry out the work of which the House had approved and to save the work which had already been done.

The amendment was withdrawn.

Mr. MILLEN said he desired to know whether the money had already been expended, or whether it was being expended.

The MINISTER FOR JUSTICE said that it had already been expended from the Treasurer's advance account. The engineer reported that the sum was absolutely necessary to carry out works to protect the existing works.

Mr. F. CLARKE said that he had a personal knowledge of the work, and he could say that the money had been expended in protecting works already in existence.

Mr. COX said there were two other items which were utterly indefensible in a loan vote, viz., "Government House, installation of electric light, £3000," and "Gaols, installation of electric light, £2000." If people on the other side of the world heard that we were lighting houses by borrowed money they would be chary of lending us money. He moved the omission of the item, "Government House, installation of electric light, £3000."

The MINISTER FOR JUSTICE said that this was only the completion of amounts already voted by Parliament. Already £14,000 had been voted by the Parliament for the electric lighting of the gaols out of loan money, and another £5000 would be required—£3000 beyond that now asked for. As to Government House, the Lieutenant-Governor reported that the installation of electric light was absolutely necessary. There would actually be a saving on the gas bill, as the light would be supplied from the Government Printing Office.

Dr. MACLAURIN said that the complaint of Mr. Cox was not that the money had been expended, but that it had been expended out of loan money. That was the most legitimate complaint.

Mr. COX said he knew the work was necessary, but it should be charged to current revenue. In view of the thin House he would withdraw the amendment.

The schedule was agreed to.

The House resumed, and the bill was read the third time, and was sent to the Legislative Assembly with the usual message.

ADJOURNMENT.

The MINISTER FOR JUSTICE moved,—"That the House do adjourn."

The motion was agreed to, and the House at 8.37 p.m. adjourned to the usual hour on Wednesday.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

A PROTRACTED SITTING.

THE DEBATE ON THE ADDRESS IN REPLY.

THE TEMPORARY SUPPLY BILL.

The sitting of the Legislative Assembly which commenced at 4 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon was continued until after half-past 8 o'clock last evening, a considerable part of the time being occupied by the continuation of the debate on the motion for the adoption of the Address in Reply. The speeches by members were unusually long, some of them extending over several hours. Amongst those who spoke during the early hours of yesterday morning were Messrs. Anderson, Rigg, Dick, and Dacey. The debate terminated at a quarter to 5 o'clock in the morning, when Mr. Wilks, who had moved the Address, replied to the speeches of members in a short address.

A division was called for, which resulted in the amendment moved by Mr. Storey being defeated by 56 votes to 7. Those who voted in favour of the amendment were Messrs. Gillies, Bennett, M'Farlane, M'Laughlin, Price, O'Sullivan, and Norton.

BUSINESS OF PARLIAMENT.

It was agreed that the House should sit on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in each week, and that private members' business should be taken on Tuesdays.

Mr. Dight obtained leave to introduce the Inclosed Lands Protection Act Amendment Bill at the stage it had reached last session.

TEMPORARY SUPPLY BILL.

THE AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT.

The COLONIAL TREASURER moved,—"That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of a bill, intituled 'A Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1899-1900, and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan,' through all its stages in one day, and would also preclude the resolutions of the Committees of Supply and of Ways and Means respectively, whereon the bill is proposed to be founded, being received on the same day on which they were come to by the said committees respectively." He said that he asked for two months' supply at the rate of one-sixth of the year's supply based on last year's provision. This would give supply for the month of July, which had now nearly expired, and for August.

Mr. LYNE: Take supply for one month only.

Opposition Members: We will give that.

Mr. BARTON said that at 6 a.m., after a hard night's work, some better reasons than had been urged should be given before two months' supply was given.

Mr. LYNE said that a financial statement should be made by the Treasurer at the earliest possible date. If two months' supply was given the date of the delivery of the budget speech would be delayed. In the face of the Auditor-General's report the House ought to pause before granting the Government supply. The Auditor General would not certify to the accounts; but the Auditor-General was being overriden by the Treasurer.

Mr. PERRY said that in the face of the Auditor-General's report the House would be justified in refusing supply.

The PREMIER: The differences have existed for 30 years.

Mr. LYNE: We never had such a report from the Auditor-General before.

The PREMIER: This motion is necessary in any event.

Mr. WILLIS said that the House could not vote £2,000,000 away without any criticism.

The TREASURER admitted that precedents were in favour of a month's supply only, but one month had already gone by. Supply for July had been taken under the Audit Act. This money had to be replaced, and supply was also asked for for August.

Mr. BARTON: You are giving yourself away. Then you do not want supply for July?

The TREASURER: I cannot leave a blank for July and ask the House to vote supply for August.

Several points of order were taken that the Treasurer was not in order, but were overruled.

The TREASURER said he could assure the House that he would make his budget speech as soon as the federal question was disposed of.

Mr. LYNE: How long will this supply carry you over?

The TREASURER: Until the end of August.

Mr. O'SULLIVAN said that a new complexion was put upon matters, and he felt inclined to grant supply for the two months.

The PREMIER said that all the statements in the Auditor-General's report related to old matters.

Mr. O'SULLIVAN said that the House required the Auditor-General's report to guide them on the matter.

The PREMIER said that the report was not yet printed.

Mr. PRICE said that both the Premier and the Treasurer had previously spoken eloquently against the practice of passing monthly supply bills.

Mr. GORMLY said that the supply asked should be of the most limited character.

Mr. NORTON said that the two months' supply asked for really meant three months' supply. The principal part of the Auditor-General's report had been in circulation in the city for the past fortnight.

Hon. Members: What! Before it came to Parliament?

The PREMIER: Yes, but by some unconstitutional means.

The motion for the suspension of the Standing Orders was agreed to on the voices.

Mr. LYNE: I think the Minister has treated the House with contempt in not answering members' objections.

The House, at 7 a.m., resolved itself into Committee of Supply. There was a good attendance of members, but most of them were asleep upon the benches.

The TREASURER explained that the bill was for the purpose of enabling the Government to carry on the business of the country. The resolution explained the works for which the money was required. The works were all in progress, and members would not like to see them stopped. The resolution was as follows:—"That there be applied out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales, towards the services of the year 1899-1900, and for services to be hereafter provided for by loan, the sum of £1,024,000, being the sum required to defray the expenses of the various departments and services of the colony during the months of July and August, or following month of the financial year ending June 30, 1900. And the sum of £473,517 for the services set forth in the schedule annexed:—Public Works and Services—Roads and bridges: For the construction and maintenance of roads and bridges generally, pending the passing of the Appropriation Act for 1899-1900, £300,000; Government Architect: Maintenance and repairs of public buildings and services generally, £25,000. Treasurer's Advance Account—To enable the Treasurer to make advances to public officers, and on account of other Governments, and to pay expenses of an unforeseen nature which will afterwards be submitted for Parliamentary appropriation—the whole amount to be adjusted not later than the 30th June, 1901, £50,000. In Anticipation of Loan Votes.—Public Works: Bellinger River, improvements, £4000; Clarence River, improvements, £10,000; Darling and Murrumbidgee rivers, improvements, £5000; North Harbour reclamation, Newcastle, £4000; self-propelled sand pump dredge, £2200; shallow draught steamer for dredge service, £1000; Bourke wharf and cranes, £1500; Darling Harbour wharf extension, £6000; Government House, installation electric light, £3000; Sobraon, store premises and other works, £1500; Jenolan Cave accommodation house and other works, £3000; General Post Office, additions, £10,000; Gaols, installation of electric light, £2000; Rookwood Asylum buildings, £5000; Cootamundra-Gundagai railway, award and costs, £15,000; Tamworth to Manilla railway, £7317. Postmaster-General: Construction and extension of telegraph and telephone lines, £15,000; erection of post and telegraph offices, £5000—total £473,517." With regard to all those items he was instructed that the moneys were all necessary, not to begin any new work, but to carry on works which had been sanctioned by Parliament and which were in course of construction.

Mr. GORMLY said that on the statement read out it was seen that a very large sum was taken from the loan estimates, and the least the Government could do was to give the House an opportunity of studying the details of the money asked for.

Mr. BARTON said it was asking too much of the committee that they should pass £2,000,000 before the particulars were in the hands of hon. members. No satisfactory reason had been given why the House should pass more than one month's supply.

The PREMIER said he did not suppose that there was any movement going on to harass a new Treasurer, but in order to arrive at that conclusion he had to assume a lot of forgetfulness.

Mr. LYNE rose to a point of order. The Premier had no right to impute motives.

The PREMIER said that, on the contrary, what he had said was that he did not believe there were motives. Unless the bill was passed this sitting a large number of public obligations would be dishonoured on Monday next, including the salaries of Civil servants and wage-earners in the employ of the Government. If the Government were obstructed in the payment of salaries——

Mr. QUINN rose to order. The Premier had no right to use the word "obstruction."

The PREMIER: If they were to be prevented from keeping their engagements the position would be serious. He was determined, in view of the insulting observations in reference to the position of public power in that House and Parliament, to seize the first legitimate opportunity of showing gentlemen who sought to embarrass the Government——

Mr. NORTON raised a point of order.

The CHAIRMAN said he thought the Premier was travelling beyond the bounds of the debate.

The PREMIER: If I find it impossible to speak at all in this House a situation arises of which I shall take notice at once, and that situation is notorious. (Ministerial cheers.)

Mr. NORTON: The Premier is saying the same thing in another way.

Mr. LYNE: Is the hon. gentleman dealing with the question before the Chair?

The CHAIRMAN: I ask the House to allow the hon. member to proceed. (Hear, hear, and cheers.)

The PREMIER said that it was of the utmost necessity to pass this supply bill—indeed, the matter was one of imperative duty on the part of the Government. The Government ought to receive the generous assistance of both sides of the House in the matter. He explained that the Auditor-General was absolutely independent, and he did not know of the contents of his report until it was circulated in the House. No doubt it would be easy for the Treasurer to show that the member for the Hume was merely quoting an old deficiency of over £3,000,000. (Ministerial cheers and cries of "No, no.") But again the Auditor-General cited a surplus in each of the years under the new system. (Hear, hear.) These surpluses were all set forth in the next page to the extracts quoted by the member for the Hume. (Ministerial cheers.) He could also show the same facts from a special return prepared by the Auditor-General. The mistake in reading the report arose from the fact that the Auditor-General referred to the accounts in two different ways, quoting the old deficiencies and also the accounts under the new cash system.

Mr. LYNE: That is not true.

The PREMIER: You are not competent to do it. You have not the slightest knowledge of figures. You have not a rudimentary knowledge of accounts.

Mr. LYNE: I cannot "cook" them as you have.

The PREMIER: I do not say that.

Mr. LYNE: You said something worse.

Mr. PERRY: Do you understand them?

The PREMIER: I understand them under my new system. I cannot say that I did before. (Laughter.) I am discharging my duty to the country in explaining this matter.

At 8 a.m. Opposition members called out that it was time for breakfast, but the Premier declined to adjourn. He regarded the discussion as being a most important one. Members called out for copies of the Supply Bill, but the Premier said that it could not be distributed until leave had been given to introduce it. In answer to interjections the Premier said that the House ought not to vote the Government a shilling unless it thought the Ministry worthy of it. (Ministerial cheers.)

Mr. LYNE: Hear hear; but why say that?

The PREMIER: I am alluding to the taunts of certain men who are anxious to take our place, but not to the attitude of the members of the Opposition generally. Look at the member for Ashfield last night. What was the attitude taken by him? Whilst I fully acknowledge the generous and chivalrous conduct of many members opposite to me, I do not see any chivalry in pretending to allow the Government to remain in office on sufferance—or in making speeches which dictate that the Government shall take a certain course of action which it is known the Government means to take, whether it is dictated to or not. (Ministerial cheers.) I do not want any of that kind of chivalry.

Mr. LYNE: You are out of order in making these references.

The PREMIER: I say definitely that this House should not give us a single shilling unless we possess its confidence. (Hear, hear, and cheers.) I decline to be dictated to or to make terms with anyone. (Ministerial cheers.) I ask the House for two months' supply. If the House will not give it me let it refuse it and take the consequences. (Oh, oh, and Ministerial cheers.) Further, I shall be able to meet the taunts of ambitious members who cannot wait until the proper time comes to have a square fight, but who trail their political coats upon the ground—I shall be happy to meet them at once, if they desire it, and have done with it. (Cheers.) In this connection Mr. Wise's speech raises a condition of things of which we should take notice. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. LYNE: I rise to a point of order. (Oh, oh.)

The PREMIER: Then I will stop. (Cheers and dissent.)

Members were now all wide awake—something approaching a scene having taken place.

Mr. LYNE said the conflict between the Auditor-General's previous and present reports was due to the Premier's handling of £1,000,000 Treasury bills. But his (Mr. Lyne's) references to the state of the finances were to the actual receipts and expenditure. Those were what the Auditor-General referred to when he said there was a deficiency, and it was no use now for the Premier to say that the Auditor-General's report was wrong. That was not the right time to come in with a Supply Bill of the nature of that presented. It was to be regretted that the Post Office had been defaced by additions not in conformity with the general architecture of the building.

The House at 8.45 a.m. adjourned for breakfast.

The committee resumed at 9.45 a.m. when a large number of new members, that is other than those who had been debating the matter all night, put in an appearance. They looked fresh and vigorous as compared with members who had been sitting up all night and the discussion began anew, much that had been said previously being re-debated.

Mr. CARROLL said that members could not understand the new system of accounts any better than they could the old system. There were matters which required explanation. He desired, for instance, information regarding a sum of money which he had been informed had been paid away in connection with the report on old age pensions.

Mr. PERRY said the Government should not blame the opposition for demanding careful consideration of the Supply Bill seeing that the Auditor-General's report, which should have been in the hands of hon. members in April last, according to the terms of the Audit Act, was not even now distributed.

Mr. PRICE continued the debate, his principal argument being that the Supply Bill asked for money for works yet unsanctioned by Parliament and as their cost would be charged to loan funds the Government was really getting a new loan bill into the House under the guise of a supply bill. He thought the Treasurer should adhere to the constitutional course of financial procedure.

Mr. SEE denounced what he said was an effort of the Treasurer to get supplies up to and including September.

The COLONIAL TREASURER: I give you my assurance that it does not include September.

Mr. SEE said he would agree to giving one month's supply, but he thought an early opportunity should be afforded the House to discuss the estimates and the financial situation. He questioned whether the lighting of Government House should be charged to loan account, as was proposed in the Supply Bill. Speaking of the sale of Crown Lands, he urged that it was fully time that such a disastrous practice should cease.

The COLONIAL TREASURER assured the House that if the supply was not granted a very large number of daily wage men would go without their money for August. One month's supply was not sufficient, even if advantage was taken of the Audit Act to draw a sum equal to one-twelfth of the previous year's vote. What he was asking was ratification of the payments he had made without sanction during July, and the money to meet the demands of August. Had Parliament met early in July one month's supply would have been sufficient. What he was asking for was the two-month supply for salaries.

Mr. SEE: And if you like you can carry on to the 27th September.

The TREASURER: And the House would punish me if I did. The hon. member has himself asked for supply bills.

Mr. SEE: I never asked for more than a month's supply.

The TREASURER then discussed the statements made in the Auditor-General's report, and pointed out the steps which had been taken to extinguish the "old deficiencies." £150,000 was provided annually for this purpose. Yet in the Auditor-General's report the Act of Parliament making the provision was ignored. Why revive and publish to the whole world this old deficit of £3,000,000, which was built up on the Centennial Park land, on the Post Office resumptions, and the overdrafts of former Treasurers?

Mr. WILLIS, speaking at noon, said that if it was proved that the Treasurer was wrong and the Auditor-General right, a full explanation ought to be made on the matter by the Government official. There were, it was stated, 7000 unemployed in the colony.

The PREMIER: I do not think there are so many.

Mr. WILLIS advocated the building of railways in the country to give employment to the workless, and thus enhance the value of country land. Let the Government come down with a bold policy of reproductive works.

Mr. SEE quoted from the Auditor-General's report, and said that it was a good thing that he was not under the Public Service Board or under the Government.

Mr. AFFLECK said that it was unfair to try and show that the deficiencies of former years were due to the present year's transactions.

Mr. SEE: No one said anything of the kind.

Mr. O'SULLIVAN referred to a number of deserving old Public school teachers who were kept out of their superannuation money. A number of other Civil servants were in the same position. The late Treasurer's surplus was a prismatic bubble which would be dissipated by the pin-prick of truth. (Opposition cheers.) Then he charged the present Colonial Treasurer with being a "public sweater." The explanation was that watchmen worked on the wharfs for 84 hours for £2 per week.

Several members who had made speeches during the night took advantage which speaking in committee offered them of repeating their addresses.

At 1 p.m., just when members began to suggest an adjournment for dinner,

Mr. GILLIES spoke, dealing mostly with the road vote, and he also alluded incidentally to the report of Mr. Napier Bell with regard to the Hunter River floods.

Mr. WOOD followed with the narration of a list of the wants of his electorate. He continued his remarks until 3 p.m.

The PREMIER then asked hon. members not to prolong the debate. Should the bill not be passed, great inconvenience would be caused to Civil servants, whose salaries could not be paid.

Mr. A. CHAPMAN said he was sorry to inconvenience the hon. gentleman.

The PREMIER: It does not inconvenience me, but those who want their money.

Mr. A. CHAPMAN proceeded to express his disapproval of the effort to get more than one month's supply.

Mr. LYNE again rose to take the Premier to task for giving what he (Mr. Lyne) considered an imperfect explanation of his book-keeping.

Mr. HASSALL urged that the New South Wales Government should be willing to contribute towards the funds of hospitals situate "on the other side of the river" in border towns.

Mr. E. M. CLARK said that in the distribution of the charity vote there should be no delay.

Mr. NORTON said the dredge service was not fully employed. Dredges should be made to work double shifts.

The PREMIER said that with regard to a statement made by the hon. member Mr. Haynes to the effect that there were a number of Civil servants who had been dismissed without receiving their pensions, notwithstanding that they were within reasonable distance of being entitled to pensions at the time of their dismissals, he (the Premier) thought that such cases of hardship should be recognised by the Government. Where a dismissed servant was within 12 months of a pension the Government should recognise his right to one. In regard to the relief granted through the Colonial Secretary's Department hon. members must remember that it was only of a temporary character, or was only granted for a limited period. With reference to the support of hospitals on the borders, the Government had always shown a disposition to co-operate with the other colonies.

The motion was agreed to, and the resolution was reported to the House and adopted.

The House resolved itself into Committee of Ways and Means, and a resolution appropriating £1,497,517 from the consolidated revenue to the services of her Majesty was agreed to. The resolution was reported to the House and agreed to.

A bill was introduced and read a second time to apply certain sums from the consolidated revenue for the services of the year 1899-1900, and for services to be hereafter provided for by loan.

The House went into committee on the measure.

Mr. LYNE said hon. members should be given information as to the expenditure proposed to be provided for. The Government was snagging certain portions of the Murray and Darling rivers, apparently for the benefit of the other colonies. That was a matter which ought to be considered. It was an expenditure which was entirely on a different footing from locking. He also wanted to know by what authority snagging on those rivers was being carried out. Much more than £20,000 must have been spent on snagging, and seeing that an Act required a reference to the Public Works Committee in regard to all matters costing over £20,000 the expenditure on snagging was an evasion of the law.

The PREMIER said no vote had been passed for snagging since 1888. The £20,000 then voted was voted before the Public Works Act came into operation.

Mr. LYNE said although the money was voted before the passing of the Public Works Act it should not be spent in excess of the £20,000 afterwards. There was necessity for designing Government harbour and river steamers in a more serviceable manner. Some of them had become dangerous. Despite the fact that a scheme relating to Darling Harbour was rejected by the Public Works Committee £100,000 had been expended on Darling Harbour wharf extension. That expenditure was, in his opinion, improper. He regarded the additions which had been made to the General Post Office as a caricature. The style of architecture was altogether different from that of the original building.

Mr. NORTON submitted as a point of order that it was not competent for the committee to amend the schedule.

The CHAIRMAN (Mr. M'Court) ruled that it was not competent for the committee to amend the schedule.

Mr. HUGHES said another industrial institution was needed, which would permit of the abolition of the Carpentarian reformatory.

The MINISTER FOR EDUCATION said he had drawn up a bill dealing with institutions for juveniles.

The POSTMASTER-GENERAL said he was surprised when he found that certain works carried out on the day-labour system had been treated as relief works. If hon. members would abstain from forcing recommendations upon the Minister the proper stamp of men to work by day labour could be employed.

Mr. LYNE: Why should members deal with it at all?

The PREMIER: Hear, hear! You never did. (Laughter.)

Mr. LYNE: Never. (Laughter.)

The POSTMASTER-GENERAL said it was impossible to make a comparison between the value of contract work and day labour. He had made certain alterations in the carrying out of work connected with the telephone tunnels.

The report was adopted, and the bill was passed through its remaining stages.

THE CAPERTEE TRAMWAY BILL.

This measure was introduced from the Legislative Council, and read a first time.

PRESENTATION OF THE ADDRESS.

The PREMIER moved that the House at its rising adjourn to half-past 11 next day (Friday), and that Government business then take precedence. The object of meeting on Friday was to go to Government House to present the Address in Reply to his Excellency the Governor. No other business would be done. He hoped as many hon. members would attend as possible. On Friday he would move that the House adjourn to Wednesday next at 4 o'clock, meaning 4.30 p.m. He had taken some pains to find out what the wishes of members were as to meeting for the transaction of business, and found the general opinion was that nothing was to be gained by meeting earlier than 4.30. He would therefore ask leave to make the hour of meeting for the session in future 4 o'clock for 4.30. (Hear, hear.)

The motion was agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT.

The PREMIER moved that the House do now adjourn.

Mr. DICK asked whether Mr. Wade's report on charges made by Mr. Bailey relative to the Mines Department was available.

The MINISTER FOR MINES said it was ready, and would be laid on the table.

Mr. COPELAND asked that the old Mining Museum in the Domain be made available as a public shelter and meeting hall on Sundays, and as a drill-hall for volunteers on other days.

Mr. DIGHT asked for drill-hall accommodation at Singleton.

Mr. MACDONALD called attention to the desirability of relieving members of the cost of posting correspondence sent through members by Government departments to be forwarded to constituents.

Mr. A. H. GRIFFITHS suggested that stamps for letters sent by members on public business be attached to their correspondence by an officer of the House, according to the system adopted in Victoria.

Mr. MEAGHER said he objected to one shilling being paid by the Government to Sir John Somers Vine and Mr. Lowles for the New Guinea Land Syndicate as an indemnity for their expenses in speculation, the Government not being a party to the matter.

Mr. MOORE said a great number of matters awaited dealing with on the diamond, silver, and tin fields in his district. The warden was unable to go there, having so large a territory to look after. He hoped the Minister for Mines would attend to the matter.

The MINISTER FOR MINES said the matter would be rectified.

The PREMIER said the old Mining Museum in the Domain would make a good drill-shed if the contents could be removed. As to the New Guinea Syndicate's claims, the Government had no objection to its claims being put before the Agent-General after investigation in London. If ever he could be brought to recognise any claim, he would certainly not pay any money without asking Parliament. The Government had not been consulted by the syndicate as to its procedure in the first instance. No doubt the cost of postage to hon. members who had to write to constituents on public business was a great strain. He thought, if envelopes were distributed amongst hon. members for use on public business only, and branded to that effect, it would get over the difficulty. (Hear, hear.)

(The Premier withdrew his motion for the adjournment by consent.)

THE TEMPORARY SUPPLY BILL.

A message was received from the Legislative Council announcing that the Temporary Supply Bill had been passed without amendment.

ADJOURNMENT.

The House at 8.38 p.m. adjourned to 11.30 a.m. this day (Friday).

THE GREATER SYDNEY QUESTION.

THE MATTER BEFORE THE BOTANY COUNCIL.

At a meeting of the Botany Council held on Wednesday evening a letter was read from the town clerk of Sydney, by direction of the Mayor (Sir Matthew Harris), inviting the members of this council to a conference of members of the city corporation and the metropolitan councils to be held in the Sydney Town Hall on Wednesday afternoon, August 9, to discuss the advisability of representing to the Government the necessity for the appointment of a Royal Commission to consider and report upon the question of the extension of the city of Sydney by the incorporation of the adjacent areas, and under the form of municipal government (unified or composite) in vogue in Great Britain, also the enlargement of municipal powers.

Alderman Macfadyen moved that the letter be received. He said as the matter was a most important one the council should attend the conference. It did not bind them to anything, but the more that could be said upon this subject the better the scheme would be understood. He and Alderman Stephen had represented this council at the recent conference arranged to consider Alderman Griffin's proposed scheme. That conference did not do much except appoint a committee to go into the matter and report. As a member of that committee he (Alderman Macfadyen) might say that the Mayor of Sydney had found fault with the committee for not formulating any scheme after being in existence for nearly 12 months. But it must be borne in mind that the committee, before it could come to any definite conclusion, had to collect literature and other information from different countries. It took time to obtain that information. Then considerable discussion was necessary in the consideration of the same. However, the committee brought up a progress report certainly of a tentative character, and it was really meant to give the conference some idea of the importance of the question. In fact, it would be years before a question of such magnitude could be amicably settled, and a scheme suitable to all councils concerned formulated. The committee, however, decided upon a unified scheme to embrace the councils of the metropolitan area, or, at any rate, most of them. That at once raised a most important question. The Mayor of Sydney evidently took an opposite view, and proposed a scheme of a composite nature. The matter now stood in that position. He considered that no dictation should take place on the question, but that it should be left open to be discussed in all its bearings without party feeling. Some years ago a commission, composed of Judge Murray and other competent gentlemen, was appointed to deal with the matter, and they reported that a scheme on the lines adopted by Manchester and other places in England was not suitable to Sydney. This showed the importance of the question.

Alderman Luland seconded the motion.

Alderman Stephen supported the resolution. He said they must remember that outlying districts like Botany would be dominated over by larger boroughs, and therefore it behoved this council to attend the conference and look out for themselves. He was opposed to a Royal Commission on the subject. He thought Royal Commissions were too frequently appointed, and to little purpose. The Government at the present time seemed to want to place the whole of its responsibilities in the hands of a Royal Commission. He hoped the Mayor of Sydney was not following in its footsteps in this direction.

After further discussion the letter was received, and the council decided to attend the conference in a body.

At a meeting of the Hurstville Council last night an invitation was received from the town clerk, Sydney, for the aldermen to attend the Greater Sydney Conference on August 9. The council would not appoint delegates, but decided to request the individual aldermen to attend.

A meeting of members of the Marrickville Benevolent Society was held in the Mayor's room at the Town Hall on Tuesday evening. Mr. Alfred Edward presided, and there were also present Alderman W. R. Benson and Mesdames Solkirk, Elliott, M'Farlane, Rodgers, Miss Freeman (hon. treasurer), and Mr. F. A. Thorpe (hon. secretary). A large quantity of correspondence was submitted and a number of needy cases were reported for treatment. The hon. treasurer reported a credit balance of £47 7s 6d, and accounts amounting to £12 11s 6d were passed for payment. Accounts amounting to £7 12s were handed in, and the hon. treasurer, Miss Freeman, said that, as she was about to leave the district, she would be reluctantly compelled to resign her position. The chairman on behalf of the meeting thanked Miss Freeman for her valuable aid, which had at all times been extended to the society, and said they would all regret to lose her valuable services. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

A S.A. SERGEANT'S ADVENTURE.

Though Salvation Army methods may not appeal to all classes, yet few will deny the earnestness of officers and privates alike. Self-denial is a virtue practised by all, and the result is shown by the great work accomplished. In the Newtown district, Mrs. Jane Booty, of Clapham House, Mary-street, St. Peters, is well known as sergeant and instructor to the girls' class, having been a Salvationist for several years. The lady, who is of pleasant demeanour, recently said to a reporter who had asked her for a few particulars of her life: "I am 59 years of age and a native of Sydney, and have resided in the Newtown district for 27 years. About 15 years ago I received a severe mental shock, which, with the death of my husband and business worries, quite unstrung my nerves. My health and constitution had previously been good, but now neuralgia of the most aggravated kind set in. The attacks would come on quite suddenly and disappear just as rapidly, leaving me quite exhausted for days, and either causing hysterics or fainting fits. These attacks increased in frequency, and would last for 12 or 48 hours, till I was incapable of further suffering. I became very thin and pale, and lost considerable weight. My appetite vanished utterly; to sleep soundly was out of the question. During the attacks I would be groaning and crying in desperation. My son would often sit up and bathe my head to give me a little relief. I dared not put my hands in cold water, as that would instantly bring on the attack. The pain seemed to pass up my spine and clutch my head behind the ears till my brain felt as if it was being squeezed flat. The pains were indescribable, throbbing and darting through my head till I could not see, and every nerve was on the rack. I found the hot weather most trying; I dare not stand in the slightest draught for a moment; I could not go out alone or across the road, for my head would swim and my wits would seem to go. The neighbours used to say they would pray to God for death if they were in my position. For all these years my complaint lasted, the attacks coming about once a week, and the tearing pains in my head made me like a lunatic and threatened to send me crazy. My heart at times would palpitate violently, now fluttering like a bird, and again thumping in a way that resembles heavy knocking on a door, making me quite faint. This would come on at any time, whether sitting or standing, and quite unexpectedly. I suffered also from constipation and rheumatism in the knees, and if I knelt down required assistance to get up again."

"And did you obtain advice?"

"Oh! yes. I had taken every cure I saw advertised, but obtained no relief. The doctors after a consultation told me I had chronic neuralgia, and they could do me no good, though I had one doctor for twelve months."

"And so at last you tried something else?"

"Yes. I read about Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and procured three boxes seven months ago. I got no relief, but resolved to persevere, and after taking several more boxes I noticed the attacks lessening in violence. A marked improvement then commenced, and since then I have had a happy release. I gained flesh, my colour improved, and I was able to eat a meal with a little relish; but the greatest boon was sound sleep; instead of waking up in fear or agony I would arise refreshed. The weather now has ceased to affect me. I can help my daughter-in-law about the house, and go when I like, for the first time in five years, alone. In fact, my recovery has been like a miracle. I am no longer troubled with any of the dreadful symptoms. I can pass the day and night in peace without hysterics. The palpitation of the heart has ceased; my head is clear and steady. I am now so marvellously benefited that I often think it must be a dream. None of my clothes will fit, as I have become so plump and well; so I think that's convincing testimony—in fact I now feel as well as anyone could wish—able to get about, eat and sleep properly, one day resembling the other in passing without inconvenience or pain."

Such hearty testimony from Mrs. Booty shows how thoroughly grateful she is. Many other sufferers from rheumatism, sciatica, diphtheria, pneumonia, bronchitis, consumption, coughs and colds, kidney troubles, scrofula, eczema, ladies' ailments, loss of vital strength, chronic headaches, and other diseases have been cured just as thoroughly. When purchasing be sure you get the genuine with all seven words—Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, printed in red ink on the white outside wrapper. Sold by chemists and storekeepers and by the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Queen's-place, Sydney. Price, two and nine per box; six boxes for fifteen and threepence. Never accept substitutes, for money thus spent is completely wasted.—Advt.

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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.—July 27.

Kallatina, s., 681 tons, Captain John Magee, from Clarence River 26th instant. Passengers—Mesdames M'Mahon, Castriff, Comerford, Martin, M'Donald, Friend, Misses Ballard, Boshen, Comerford, Shore, Davis, Harkness, Santwick, Blaxland, Miller, Mackney, O'Connor, Barns, Marks, Major Fitzmaurice, Messrs. F. M'Guren, S. W. Dowling, R. C. Lowe, D. Comerford, H. Elworthy, W. Noud, J. Young, J. Smith, D. Brown, T. M. Gulliford, S. Kruse, A. Tuke, G. M'Clure, C. J. Ripley, J. Gibson, P. C. Virgoe, A. Kennedy, G. G. Betty, T. Gibson, T. Cromack, J. Purchase, C. E. Gulliford, J. C. Gray, E. B. Harkness, J. F. Buchanan, H. E. Kritsch, G. Ambler, Masters M'Mahon, M'Leod, M'Guren, Friend, and 4 in he steerage. North Coast S. N. Company, Limited, agents.

Coraki, s., 326 tons, Captain S. Roulden, from Manning River July 27. Passengers—Mesdames Burnell, Sherley, and Donkin, Miss Black, Mr. M'Grath, and Master Michaelmas, and 3 in the steerage. North Coast S. N. Company, Limited, agents.

Lonsdale, s., 2921 tons, Captain T. Darley, from Port Pirie. O. S. Yuill and Co., Limited, agents.

Moana, scow, 111 tons, Captain Olsen, from Mercury Bay. Kauri Timber Company, agents.

Talune, s., 2070 tons, Captain C. Spinks, from Newcastle. F. W. Jackson, agent.

Sydney, s., 674 tons, Captain Thompson, from Newcastle. Newcastle and Hunter River S.S. Company, agents.

Menmuir, s., 1980 tons, Captain St. George, (from Newcastle. Gibbs Bright, and Co., agents.

Pendle Hill, barquentine, 222 tons, from Newcastle to Napier, put back owing to the death of the captain. G. J. Waterhouse, agent.

DEPARTURES.—July 27.

Hanroto, s., for Fiji, Samoa, and Tonga.
Stanley, schooner, for Auckland, via Newcastle.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES.—July 28.

Chingtu, s., for Manila, Hongkong, and Japan, via ports; Allinga, s., for Cairns, via ports; Bunninyong, s., for Rockhampton, via ports; Bullarra, s., for Melbourne; Burrumbeet, s., for Melbourne; Rosedale, s., for Port Macquarie and Bellinger River; Wollumbin, s., for Tweed River; St. George, s., for Richmond River; Coomonderry, s., for Shoalhaven ports; Illawarra S.N. Company's steamer, for Wollongong, Kiama, and Shoalhaven; Namoi, s., for Newcastle.

CLEARANCES.—July 27.

Hanroto, s., 1388 tons, Captain W. J. Newton, for Fiji, Apia, and Tonga. Passengers—Mrs. Springthorpe and 2 children, Mrs. Heaven, Miss Bowman, Captain Kaad, Dr. Barker, Messrs. H. B. Nash, Vogel, and 12 in the steerage.

Stanley, schooner, 341 tons, Captain A. Nottingham, for Auckland, via Newcastle, in ballast.

COASTERS OUTWARDS.—July 27.

Phil Forbes, ketch, Captain A. Anderson, for Cape Hawke; Hally Bayley, schooner, Captain W. Ironside, for Newcastle; Shannon, schooner, Captain W. Radcliffe, for Cape Hawke.

IMPORTS.—July 27.

Coraki, s., from Manning River: 1430 bags maize, 12 bags bottles, 18 bags bones, 21 bags oysters, 6 bags pumpkins, 11 bales wool, 92 cases eggs, 12 cases fruit, 10 cases fish, 1 cask tallow, 19 coops poultry, 80 hides, 126 kegs butter, 4 logs cedar, 330 pigs, and 31 packages sundries.

Bullarra, s., from Queensland ports: 246 bags sugar, 635 hides, 10 bales sheepskins, 11 bags skins, 49 bags bones, 3 bales hoofs, 275 casks tallow, 10 bales gluepieces, 4048 bunches bananas, 6 cases pines, 1051 cases beef, 14 bags pumpkins, 1 parcel gold, 9 logs red cedar, and sundries.

Kallatina, s., from Clarence River: 765 bags maize, 90 bags potatoes, 248 bags sugar, 81 bags bark, 17 bags bones, 12 bags bottles, 215 bags copper ore, 47 bags pumpkins, 9 bags peas, 12 bales skins, 9 casks tallow, 67 hides, 10 coops poultry, 102 cases eggs, 29 cases fish, 3 cases fruit, 117 boxes butter, 22 cans cream, 44 pairs wild fowl, 7 quarters beef, 67 pigs, 3 horses, and sundries.

Moana, scow, from Kaipara: 116,679ft. sawn timber.

July 28.

Oriental, R.M.S., from London, via ports: 825 cases galvanised iron, 350 boxes tinplates, 29 packages nails, 12 cases sheathing, 12 packages sailcloth, 8 packages cycles, 18 packages wire rope, 25 cases confectionery, 100 hogsheads and 50 half-hogsheads beer, 50 cases galvanised sheets, 112 pairs axles and bushes, 95 axle-arms, 371 bundles and 5 cases springs, 26 joists, 891 bars 370 bundles 13 plates 8 blooms steel, 974 packages tea, 309 packages drapery, 85 packages cottons, 28 packages woollens, 22 packages boots and shoes, 25 cases hats, 76 packages books and periodicals, 14 bales corks, 36 packages smallware, 17 bags coffee, 2 cases leather, 36 packages meters, 26 steel plates, 12 steel joists, 12 iron plates, 2 boilers, 2 chimneys, 1 dome, 14 packages rivets, 6 castings, 21 packages photo goods, 50 packages machinery, 10 bottles quicksilver, 20 kegs studs, 30 cases castings, 750 bundles and 39 cases iron, 38 casks copper wire, 13 cases tobacco, 3 packages dental goods, 30 kegs cream of tartar, 87 bundles hoops, 29 cases horseshoes, 862 boxes sultanas, 8 cases agricultural machinery, and sundries; also a quantity of cargo for transhipment.

Armand Behic, F.M.S., from Marseilles, via ports: 609 casks cream of tartar, 103 casks tartaric acid, 32 bales corks, 1061 packages tea, 2 packages coffee, 6 cases provisions, 800 cases rum, 69 cases absinthe, 304 cases 23 casks and 20 quarter-casks brandy, 50 cases champagne, 15 cases wine, 20 cases mineral waters, 5 cases liquorice, 31 cases wine, 3 cases cigarettes, 22 casks oil, 38 packages paint, 20 cases cinnamon, 6 packages cheese, 162 cases preserves, 50 packages sardines, 10 cases prunes, 4 cases perfumery, 4 cases fancy goods, 4 cases musical instruments, 16 cases silk, 5 cases boots, 4 cases hats, 4 cases pianos, 465 packages drapery, 30 packages boots and shoes, 26 cases church articles, and sundries, also a large quantity of general merchandise for Noumea.

TELEGRAPHIC SHIPPING NEWS.

BRISBANE.—Arrivals: July 27, Arawatta, s., from Sydney; Eurimbla, s., from Rockhampton.

MARYBOROUGH.—Arrival: July 27, Owen, s., from Brisbane. Departure: July 27, Katoomba, s., for Brisbane.

GLADSTONE.—Departure: July 27, Barcoo, s., for Brisbane.

TOWNSVILLE.—Arrival: July 27, Pathan, s., from London. Departure: July 27, Maroo, s., for Newcastle.

CAIRNS.—Departure: July 27, Airlie, s., for Sydney.

YAMBA.—Arrivals: July 27, City of Grafton, s., from Sydney; Australian, s., from Sydney, via Newcastle.

NEWCASTLE.—Arrivals: July 27, Namoi, s., Timaru, s., Alice, s., Kini, s., Isabelle, Hannah Nicholson, May Byrnes, schooners, Fanny Fisher, Royal Tar, barques, Coraki, s., from Sydney. Departures: July 27, Scottish Moors, ship, for Valparaiso, with 3869 tons Wallsend coal; Menmuir, s., for Hongkong, via Sydney and Manila, with 1629 tons Co-operative coal; Mary Davis, ketch, Tamar, s., Namoi, s., Clara Ethel, ketch, for Sydney; Coraki, s., for the Manning River; Burrumbeet, s., for Melbourne; Timaru, s., Alice, s., Isabelle, Hannah Nicholson, May Byrnes, schooners, for Sydney.

GABO ISLAND.—Passed: July 27, Tambo, s., at noon, Peregrine, s., at 3.50 p.m., both north; Time, at 11.50 a.m., west.

MELBOURNE.—Arrivals: July 27, H. J. H., barque, from Devonport; Wellington, ketch, from Penguin; Innamincka, s., from Sydney; Parkdale, barque, from London. Departures: July 27, Kendal Castle, s., for Capetown; Denton Grange, s., for Port Pirie; Knight of St. George, s., for Sydney; Newstead, s., for London.

ADELAIDE.—Arrivals: July 27, Tagliaferro, s., from Newcastle; Ormuz, R.M.S., from Melbourne; Larnaca, s., from Newcastle; Stassfurt, s., from Hamburg. Departures: July 27, Ormuz, R.M.S., for London; Narrung, s., for Melbourne.

(FROM THE BOARD AT THE TELEGRAPH OFFICE.)

TWEED HEADS.—July 27: Augusta, s., at anchor in bay. Departure: Wollumbin, s., at 12.20 p.m., for Sydney. Passed: A four-masted ship beating south at 12.30 p.m.

RICHMOND HEADS.—Arrivals: July 27, Tomki, s., at 9.10 a.m., from Sydney; Friendship, s., at 12.20 p.m., from Sydney; Eliza Allen, ketch, at 10.25 a.m., Western Star, schooner, at 9.10 a.m. 10ft. on bar and 12ft. on inside channel at high water. Passed: A barque at 1.20 p.m., north.

CLARENCE HEADS.—Arrival: July 27, City of Grafton, s., at 6.30 a.m., from Sydney.

BELLINGER HEADS.—Arrival: July 27, Alert, s., at 8.40 a.m., from Sydney. Departure: July 26, Rosedale, s., at midnight, for Sydney.

MACLEAY HEADS.—Departure: July 27, Burrawong, s., at 11.50 a.m., for Sydney.

TRIAL BAY.—Arrival: July 26, Euroka, s., during night.

CAPE HAWKE.—Departure: July 27, Kingsley, s., at 11 a.m.

PORT STEPHENS.—Departures: July 27, Candidate, ketch, at 1 p.m., Wanderer, ketch, at 1 p.m., Laura, ketch, at 1 p.m., Jubilee, schooner, at 8.30 a.m.; Volador, schooner, at 8.30 a.m.

BARRANJOEY.—Departures: July 27, Flirt, ketch, at 1.40 p.m., Allen Gordon, cutter, at 1.40 p.m.

WOLLONGONG.—Arrivals: July 27, Prospero, brig, at 11.40 a.m., from Sydney; Palmerston, s., at 11.40 a.m., from Sydney. Departure: July 27, Allowrie, s., at 2.40 p.m., for Sydney.

BATEMAN'S BAY.—Arrival: July 26, Peterborough, s., at 11 p.m., from Sydney.

MORUYA.—Arrival: July 27, Kincumber, s., at 9.40 a.m., from Sydney. Departure: July 27, Kincumber, s., at 2.20 p.m., for Wagonga.

EDEN.—Departure: July 27, Bega, s., at 9.30 a.m., for Sydney.

GREEN CAPE.—Passed: July 27, Nowkoowa, s., at 8.50 a.m., north; Tambo, s., at 2.5 p.m., north; Armand Behic, F.M.S., at 2.55 p.m., north; Futami Maru, s., at 3.30 p.m., north.

GABO ISLAND.—Passed: July 27, Time, s., at 11.5 a.m., west; Peregrine, s., at 3.50 p.m., north.

WILSON'S PROMONTORY.—Passed inwards: July 27, Anglian, s., at 3.18 p.m. Passed outwards: Oriental, R.M.S., at 1.12 a.m., Armand Behic, F.M.S., at 1.55 a.m., a German steamer at 1.50 a.m., Peregrine, s., at 2 a.m.

HOBART.—Departure: July 27, Astea, s., at 7 a.m., for Wellington.

ALBANY (W.A.).—Departure: July 27, Paroo, s., for Adelaide.

FREMANTLE (W.A.).—Arrival: July 27, Oldenburg, s., at 2.30 a.m., from Adelaide.

NEW ZEALAND SHIPPING.

AUCKLAND, July 27.

Arrivals: Cupica, at Dunedin, from Glasgow; Perthshire, at Bluff, from Sydney; Oonah, at Wellington, from Sydney.

(For continuation of Shipping see page 6.)

THE MAILS.

THIS DAY.

South Australia.—Overland, 5.30 p.m.
Victoria.—Overland, 5.30 and 7 p.m.
Queensland.—Overland, 4.45 p.m.
Manila, Hongkong, and Japan.—Chingtu, 2 p.m.
Dunedin, &c., N.Z., and Hobart, via Melbourne.—Tarawera, 5.30 p.m.
Western Australia, via Adelaide.—Anglian, 5.30 p.m.
Port Macquarie and Bellinger River.—Rosedale, 6 p.m.
Richmond River.—St. George, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY.

Valparaiso, via Newcastle.—Luciparra, 8 a.m.
Macleay River, Burrawong, 9 a.m.
Melbourne.—R.M.S. India, 10 a.m.
Natal and Capetown, from Melbourne.—Kendal Castle, 10 a.m.
Brisbane.—Peregrine, 11 a.m.
Wellington, &c., N.Z.—Taiune, noon.
Monte Video, Buenos Ayres, Chili, and Rio Janeiro, from Wellington.—Rakaia, noon.
Townsville, Cooktown, Thursday Island, Port Darwin, Hongkong, Manila, and Japan.—Taiyuan, 1 p.m.
Noumea.—Tanais, 1 p.m.
Clarence River.—Kallatina, 8 p.m.

MONDAY.

Hobart.—Tambo, 11 a.m.
Strahan, Zeehan, and West Coast of Tasmania, from Melbourne.—Kawatiri, 5.30 p.m.
Launceston and Hobart, via Melbourne.—Coogee, 5.30 p.m.
Richmond River.—Tomki, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY.

Eden.—Allowrie, 11 a.m.
Nelligen.—Peterborough, 11 a.m.
Lord Howe and Norfolk Islands, New Hebrides, Banks Group, and Santa Cruz Islands.—Victoria, 4 p.m.
United Kingdom, Continent of Europe, India, and Mauritius.—Overland to Adelaide, and thence per R.M.S. India, 4.30 p.m.
R.M.S. India (letters addressed to persons on board).—Overland to Adelaide, 4.30 p.m.
Western Australia, via Adelaide.—R.M.S. India, 5.30 p.m.
Clarence River.—City of Grafton, 8 p.m.
Byron Bay, Coff's Harbour, and Woolgoolga.—Excelsior, 9 p.m.

WEDNESDAY.

Auckland, &c., N.Z., Navigators' Islands, Honolulu, United States of America, Canada, United Kingdom, and Continent of Europe.—A. and A. s.s. Alameda, 11 a.m.
Thursday Island, Hongkong, Manila, and Japan.—Futami Maru, 11 a.m.
Thursday Island, Port Darwin, Hongkong, Manila, and Japan.—Menmuir, noon.
Auckland, &c., N.Z. (direct).—Westralia, 3 p.m.
Western Australia, via Adelaide.—Marloo, 5.30 p.m.
Devonport West, Stanley, Burnie, Strahan, Zeehan, and West Coast of Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Penguin, 7 p.m.

METEOROLOGICAL REPORTS.

Observatory, Thursday.

Average annual rainfall for 40 years, 49·302.
Average for 41 years from January 1 to June 30, 30·641.
Total rainfall from January 1, 1899, to July 27, 29·287.
Sydney standard barometer at 9 a.m. to-day, 30·646.
Temperature.—Maximum, 57·2; minimum, 46·7.
Humidity.—9 a.m., 87·0; 3 p.m., 71·0.

STATE OF BAROMETERS AT 9 A.M.

Gascoigne, 30·25; Perth, 30·29; Esperance Bay, 30·37; Eucla, 30·52; Streaky Bay, 30·62; Adelaide, 30·63; Robe, 30·55; Portland, 30·52; Melbourne, 30·57; Wilson's Promontory, 30·57; Gabo Island, 30·47; Cape St. George, 30·39; Sydney, 30·65; Newcastle, 30·66; Port Macquarie, 30·61; Clarence Heads, 30·57; Brisbane, 30·53; Rockhampton, 30·39; Mackay, 30·32.

SYNOPSIS AT 9 A.M.

New South Wales.—Cloudy and showery on the north coast; fine and clear elsewhere.
New Caledonia.—Fine but cloudy at Gomen; showery at Noumea.
Western Australia.—Fine and clear throughout.
South Australia.—Fine, clear, and frosty throughout.
Victoria and Straits.—Generally fine, clear, and frosty.
Tasmania.—Cloudy to dull generally.
Queensland.—Dull and showery generally.
Central and Northern Australia.—Fine and clear throughout.
New Zealand.—Fine in north and central districts; dull in southern.

RAIN HAS FALLEN IN THE PREVIOUS 24 HOURS

New South Wales.—Light on the coast north from Cape St. George. Camden Haven 14 points, Cape St. George 5, Clarence 139, Lismore 38, Manning Heads 6, Newcastle 3, Nambucca 22, Nimitybelle 1, Sydney 2, Tweed Heads 27, Port Macquarie 18, Woolgoolga 15.

Queensland.—Light to moderate generally in the interior, especially in the centre, also moderate to heavy along the coast. Adavale 27 points, Aramac 64, Barcaldine 28, Blackall 15, Bowen 2, Cape Moreton 8, Cardwell 80, Charleville 29, Clermont 38, Cooktown 22, Croydon 4, Geraldton 163, Hughenden 19, Isisford 42, Jundah 21, Longreach 20, Mackay 5, Mackinlay 6, Maryborough 5, Mitchell 11, Muttaburra 25, Normanton 13, Richmond 42, Rockhampton 4, Springsure 24, St. George 1, Surat 1, Tambo 12, Taroom 1, Townsville 31, Windorah 5.

RIVER REPORTS AT 9 A.M.

Albury, 2ft. 11in.; Balranald, 8ft. 3in.; Bingara, 1ft. 5in.; Booligal, dry; Brewarrina, 5ft., rising; Deniliquin, 7ft. 1in.; Euabalong, 1ft. 4in.; Euston, 18ft. 1in.; Goodooga, low; Gundagai, 5ft.; Hay, 6ft. 8in.; Hillston, dry; Louth, 5ft. 7in., rising; Manila, low; Menindie, 7in.; Moulamein, 5ft. 8in., falling; Mogil Mogil, 10ft. 8in.; Muncindi, 14ft. 11in.; Pooncarie, 1ft. 8in.; Tilpa, 1ft., rising; Tocumwal, 7ft. 5in.; Wagga Wagga, 5ft.; Wentworth, 10ft. 10in.; Wilcannia, 1ft. 3in.; Yetman, low; Barwon River, at Walgett, 14ft. 1in., falling; Namoi River, at Walgett, 8ft. 3in., rising; Goondiwindi, low.

REPORTS AT 9 A.M.

Showery on the coast and northern highlands. Raining at Armidale, Camden Haven, Clarence, Tenterfield, Tweed Heads, Woolgoolga.

REPORTS AT 3 P.M.

Showery at Byron Bay, Clarence Heads, and Woolgoolga.

Clarence Heads, light W., sea moderate; Eden, light N.E., sea smooth; Newcastle, light S.E., sea moderate; South Head, light E.N.E., sea smooth; Wollongong, fresh N.E., sea smooth.

MINIMUM TEMPERATURES.

Kiandra 13 degrees, Bathurst 26, Bega 28, Bodalla 27, Bowral 29, Carcoar 22, Cooma 25, Euston 27, Goulburn 25, Moranganell 28, Moss Vale 29, Murrumburrah 25, Murrurundi 25, Narrandera 27, Nimitybelle 26, Orange 27, Queanbeyan 28, Quirindi 29, Rockley 27, Uralla 27, Wagga Wagga 30, Young 26.

COASTAL REPORTS AT 9 P.M.

Tweed Heads, S.S.E., fresh, cloudy, sea moderate; Byron Bay, S.W., cloudy, sea smooth; Ballina, S.E., cloudy, sea smooth; Clarence Heads, S.E., light, cloudy, sea moderate; Woolgoolga, S., fresh, showery, sea smooth; Bellinger Heads, S.W., light, cloudy, sea moderate; Nambucca Heads, S., light, cloudy, sea moderate; Macleay Heads, S.S.W., light, cloudy, sea moderate; Port Macquarie, S.E., light, cloudy, sea smooth; Manning Heads, calm, misty, raining, sea moderate; Seal Rocks, calm, cloudy, sea smooth; Port Stephens, S., light, fine, sea smooth; Newcastle, E., light, fine, sea smooth; Lake Macquarie Heads, N.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Catherine Hill Bay, N.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Barranjoey, N.E., light, fine, sea smooth; South Head, N.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Wollongong, N.W., light, fine, sea smooth; Kiama, N.N.W., fresh, fine, sea smooth; Crookhaven Heads, N.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Jervis Bay, N.W., fresh, fine, sea smooth; Ulladulla, N.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Bateman's Bay, calm, fine, sea smooth; Moruya, calm, fine, sea smooth; Eden, E., light, fine, sea slight; Green Cape, calm, cloudy, sea smooth; Gabo Island, calm, cloudy, sea slight.

FORECASTS AT 9 P.M.

New South Wales.—Light easterly winds, with rough season the coast north of Port Macquarie; showery in northern districts, fine other parts.—H. C. Russell.

South Australia.—Cold frosty night, fine pleasant day; tendency to become cloudy in extreme N.E., with N.W. winds; elsewhere calms and light N.E. and N.W. winds; smooth sea.—C. Todd.

Victoria.—Generally fine, with northerly winds, light inland, but fresh on parts of the coast, and more westerly; frosts inland; slight to moderate sea.—P. Barrachi.

Western Australia.—The fine weather will not last much longer. The depression to which we have been directing attention is now approaching the west coast, and shortly clouds will gather, followed by showery, squally weather and rising seas.—W. E. Cooke.

FORECASTS BY MR. CLEMENT L. WRAGGE.

New South Wales.—Still showery and unsettled along coast, especially north from Trial Bay and over highlands in we t; south-westerlies south from Newcastle, southeasters north from Richmond, light and variable with generally fine weather inland; growing tendency to cloud with little rain near south and south-western borders of Queensland; sea moderate.

Western Australia.—Fine, with further north-easters in north, northerlies in west, north-westers in south. The disturbance "Lygia" will soon cause cloudy, showery, and squally weather in south coast parts.

Northern Territory.—Further clear skies, south-east winds, strong north from Tennant's Creek.

South Australia.—Still fine, with marked frosts; horticulturists look out. North-westerlies off coast increasing in velocity, with rising seas soon. Winds light and variable elsewhere.

Queensland.—Generally cloudy and showery, especially in east and coast districts, the rains again extending somewhat inland; finer near border of Northern Territory. Nasty south-easterly squalls and areas of rough sea along the coast under south-west edge of tropical depression "Eola," especially north from Gladstone.

Victoria and Tasmania.—More fogs, frosts, and some showers with snow between Melbourne and Hobart; increasing north-westerlies, shifting W., with rising seas.

New Zealand.—Generally fine.
New Caledonia.—Rain.

ASTRONOMICAL MEMORANDA FOR JULY 28.

Sun rises at 6.50, sets at 5.12; Moon, 11.28 p.m.–9.41 a.m.; Mercury, 8.4 a.m., 7.19 p.m.; Venus, 6.4 a.m., 4.4 p.m.; Mars, 9.18 a.m., 9.9 p.m.; Jupiter, 10.59 a.m., 12.9 a.m.; Saturn, 1.37 p.m., 3.47 a.m.

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The Sydney Morning Herald.

FRIDAY, JULY 28, 1899.

Yesterday the referendum vote was taken in the colonies of Victoria and Tasmania on the Commonwealth Bill, as amended by the Premiers' Conference. There was an immense majority in both colonies in favour of the measure. Details of the voting will be found elsewhere.

After an all-night sitting of the Legislative Assembly the debate on the Address-in-Reply was concluded at 4.45 a.m. yesterday. Mr. Storey's amendment was defeated by 56 votes to 7, and the motion for the adoption of the address was agreed to. Then the Colonial Treasurer introduced a Temporary Supply Bill, a lengthy financial debate taking place on the question. Ultimately the measure passed its remaining stages. The House adjourned after a continuous sitting at 8.38 p.m. In the Legislative Council the Totalisator Bill was read the first time. The Temporary Supply Bill was passed through all its stages and was sent to the Legislative Assembly with the usual message. The House adjourned at 8.37 p.m. till Wednesday.

Thirty-five diplomas of honour have been awarded to the Victorian exhibitors at the Greater Britain Exhibition at Earl's Court, London, and six to the Victorian Government. The President of the Silk Association of England and Ireland is pleased with the exhibit of Victorian silk, and has offered, if supplied with 100lb. of cocoons, to convert the silk into marketable products, to test its commercial value.

French Nationalist journals consider that the removal of General Pellieux from a command in Brittany, and of General Negrier from the Supreme Council of War, is intended to intimidate the Rennes Court martial on Captain Dreyfus. The removal of General Negrier has caused a sensation. Captain Dreyfus is suffering from an attack of malarial fever. Radical and Socialist organs commend the firmness of the Minister for War. M. Mazeau, First President of the Court of Cassation, has assured President Loubet, that there is no evidence of the guilt of Captain Dreyfus, but on the contrary, the strongest presumption of his innocence.

The claim of Japan for a measure of financial control over the reorganisation of the Chinese army and navy, is the chief obstacle to an alliance with China.

Speaking in the Cape Assembly, Mr. Cecil Rhodes declared that it was intended to tax Transvaal products entering Rhodesia until Cape Colony products were admitted to the Transvaal free. India is ready to send 10,000 troops to the Transvaal. The Colonial Office appreciates the offer of troops from New South Wales, but it is hoped that their services will not be necessary.

In the House of Commons on Tuesday Lord George Hamilton, replying on behalf of the Government to a question, said that Prince Ranjitsinhji had no legal claim to rule in the State of Nawanagar, India, since the birth of Kumar Jaswan Singh.

On Wednesday the Roman Catholic reformatory ship Clarence was burned at her moorings on the Mersey, England. The whole of the boys who were on board escaped.

The United States has conceded to France the favoured nation treatment in return for a minimum tariff on American products imported into France.

It is reported that France is willing to join the International Sugar Bounties Conference at Brussels if it should reassemble.

London "Truth" states that the starting machine in America has proved "a complete and ignominious failure."

The Suffren, the largest battleship in the French navy, was launched on Wednesday from the Government dockyard at Brest.

Further outrages have been committed in connection with the strike of tramway employees in Cleveland, Ohio. The soldiers who were called out to assist the police have received orders to fire and use their bayonets if attacked by the rioters.

The committee on old-age pensions has presented its report to the Imperial Parliament. It recommends that every needy and deserving person who has attained the age of 65 shall be eligible to receive a minimum pension of 5s per week provided equally from the local rates and the National exchequer.

On Wednesday the match between the Australians and Surrey was concluded on the Kennington Oval. The visitors completed their second innings for 194 runs, the Englishmen winning by 104 runs.

Last night the annual meeting of the Sydney Chamber of Commerce was held at the Exchange, Mr. J. S. Brunton, the president, occupying the chair. In his address the president gave a commercial review of the year.

The fourth biennial conference of the Seventh Day Adventists, which has been in session since the 6th instant, has now adjourned, and the delegates are leaving for their respective fields of labour.

At Newcastle yesterday the English footballers played a team representing the Northern districts and won by 28 points to 0.

Business on the investment side of the Stock and Share market yesterday was quiet, the general tone, however, being strong. For New South Wales 4 per cent. Funded Stock an advance of 1 was offered.

In the Import market yesterday business was moderately active in most departments. Fencing wire was firm. Tea moved off at late rates, and sugar met with a fair degree of attention.

At Darling Harbour yesterday 162 bales of wool arrived by rail, and nine were received coastwise.

There was very extensive dealing in the Mining market yesterday, the feature being the strength of Western Australian gold stocks generally, the principal ones having heavy advances. Broken Hill silver companies were buoyant, and a good deal of attention was paid to local gold dredging ventures.

Yesterday's customs revenue amounted to £4392.

The R.M.S. Duke of Buckingham arrived at Suez homeward.

The Assembly has begun badly with an all night and all next day sitting before the presentation of the Address in Reply. The Premier gave way on Tuesday to members who desired to speak on the general debate, but he said that on Wednesday a Supply Bill would be required, and the understanding was that the debate would finish early, and the House would get to work seriously with the Temporary Supply Bill. But the Address was not carried until a quarter to 5 o'clock yesterday morning, and the motion preliminary to introducing supply did not pass until nearly 12 hours later. Then the bill was taken through its stages in the Assembly with a speed which, but for an interruption by Mr. Lyne, would have been in strong contrast with the delay in its introduction. Meanwhile the Council was awaiting the bill, so as to pass it this week, and at length, after a debate in the Upper House, supply was granted and Parliament rose. The urgency of the bill was to provide for salaries and accounts due for the current month, but the Treasurer asked for two months' temporary supply. Several circumstances contributed to the hostile reception of Mr. Carruthers's first appeal for funds. Mr. Reid touched on one of these circumstances when he said that it appeared as if there was a willingness to embarrass the new Treasurer. A section of the House is not content with the rearrangement of the Ministry, and would prefer Mr. Carruthers in his old office as Secretary for Lands. Next there is a reluctance on the part of Parliament to accept temporary supply bills in anticipation of the Estimates and a full financial statement. The power of the purse disappears when the Legislature is presented with a demand for a month's supply as a matter of urgency to pay the public creditor, because no proper examination of the finances can then be made. Faith must be kept with the public creditor, and every member of the House feels that a Supply Bill, however unwelcome, must be passed. The objection naturally becomes greater when one-sixth of the year's provision is thus called for. But the delay in commencing the Parliamentary business of the year must be the Treasurer's justification for this step. And the third circumstance which inclined not only the Assembly, but the Council, to a critical attitude was the Auditor-General's report, which afforded the liveliest satisfaction to everyone who disliked the administration of the finances by Mr. Reid. The Auditor-General, who is obliged by his commission to take a purely accountancy view of the figures which come under his attention, finds that there is still on various accounts an unliquidated indebtedness of a large amount. That amount, to be sure, is mainly made up of old-standing items, and generally the addition to the debit side of our accounts during the present regime has been comparatively moderate. But Mr. Rennie's uncompromising figures lent themselves to use as missiles against the Government, and they were so used. A final grievance which was ventilated in both Houses was the inclusion of a number of minor charges in the Loan Estimates. We have too often protested against loading the loan account with current expenditure, against the convenient but dangerous policy of paying for bridges, courthouses, lockups, and other local and unreproductive works with borrowed money, not to feel sympathy with the indignation of members at the schedule yesterday presented with the Supply Bill.

However, that is not the question at the moment. As we have said, a Temporary Supply Bill is presented to be passed, and discussion is nearly all beating the air. The time for effective criticism will come when the general financial policy of the Government is submitted to Parliament. What suggests itself as the outcome of the Wednesday-Thursday sitting is that Parliament has made a bad beginning with serious work, that the friction of parties in the Assembly is increasing, and that the prospect of a fruitful session is not so good as was hoped. The action of a section of the Opposition, who taunt the Premier with holding office on sufferance, and that of the few members who dragged to death the dreary debate on the Address and compelled the House to sit all day in order to pass a temporary Supply Bill does not tend to peace. It augurs either a pitched battle very soon or the continuance of guerilla warfare. The Opposition in the person of some of its members is treating Mr. Reid in a way which he is not disposed to tolerate. Either the Government must be given a reasonable latitude in the business of the country or it must be displaced. It cannot subsist on the terms indicated during the debate of last week and this. The case seems to be that a section of the House, not feeling strong enough to oust the Government, is disposed to harass it; but these tactics must not go very far, because the carrying on of business is the all-important function which the House sits to discharge, and if the Ministry is embarrassed in its work there will be a clearing of the decks for a fight, and the party that wins will employ its strength to carry on business. Perhaps the ascendency of Mr. Barton will restrain the impetuosity of some on his side of the House who appear very well disposed to challenge the Government on any or every point of difference, before federation or afterwards. It would be straightforward and conducive to despatch to take a trial of strength if it is deemed necessary, rather than to indulge in all-night sittings at this early stage of the session, indicating a desire to block business at the outset, and while inviting everyone to "come on" to judiciously retire at the first sign of coming on. If there is not to be a plain issue put to the Government at present—and until it is seen what is proposed with regard to federation the Government has the pledges of the most representative men in the House to further business—then these tactics are a mistake, because they will certainly force on the issue of whether the Government or some other party is to manage affairs. However events may turn out, this beginning of the regular session is not auspicious.

The expected has happened both in Victoria and Tasmania, and yesterday's polling saw two more colonies added to those which had already declared themselves both willing and ready to enter into the Australian federal scheme. The Victorian figures show a large difference in the total of votes recorded on this and the previous occasion when the question was submitted to the electors. In that colony the federal cause has achieved a gain of about 40,000 votes, while the anti-federalists have lost about 11,000 of those who voted with them last year. The majority is overwhelming, being just over 140,000 at the present stage of the returns. In Tasmania the position does not give evidence of discounting in any way the moral result of the referendum taken last year, though the returns so far are incomplete. We have been told for some time past that opposition to the bill was to all intents and purposes dead in the island colony, the difficulty anticipated by federalists being that of inducing the electors to record their votes in favour of what they looked upon as a foregone conclusion. The only colony so far in which there has been the excitement of real battle over the national question has been our own, where if opposition stimulated criticism it also produced a more widespread and, it is reasonable to suppose, intelligent popular understanding of the measure and its intended effects. It is not suggested, of course, that in the other colonies, where the pulse of public opinion has beaten more slowly, there is anything lacking in this direction, but it goes without saying that nothing educates a body of electors better or quicker on political questions than an active participation in their settlement by means of an election or an opportunity of voting upon them.

The opposition to federation in Victoria and the criticism it has received are both interesting to recall now as part of the shaping of that colony's share in the federal movement. Long after the Commonwealth Bill has passed into history and become the charter of the Australian federation, its opponents and critics will be quoted as well as its framers in the discussions which must in due course arise from time to time concerning its provisions and the intention behind each one of its clauses. In Victoria it will be found that there were two kinds of critics, although their combined efforts were so meagrely represented by the poll. One is represented by Mr. Higgins, who took a strong stand against the principle of equal State representation in the Senate. The other voices criticism if not opposition to the bill on different points of detail such as the election of both federal Houses on the one-man-one-vote principle, or on suggested imperfections in the constitution. Mr. Murray Smith may be taken as a good example of the one class of objectors, and Sir F. Sargood in a more restricted sense of the other. But neither of these showed himself an obstinate objector. The day before the referendum Mr. Murray Smith published a manifesto in which he declared his willingness to set his doubts and objections aside. Most federalists will agree with him as to the terms in which he expressed his decision and couched his counsel to his fellow-electors, when he told them that federation was the natural and indeed unavoidable evolution of our circumstances and our growth. He does not enthusiastically admire the constitution, he says. He thinks it contains grave defects. But he accepts it with confidence in the Australians who will administer it in the future, and as an alternative to our adopting permanently "the position of isolated States, cultivating and stimulating mutual jealousies which must lead to constant disputes, and may lead to permanent animosity with all its attendant train of evils and dangers." Sir F. Sargood's advice is of the like purport. Granting that the constitution may not be what everybody wants, he asks if we are to delay federation for the sake of an impossible perfection. Temperately expressed and judicious counsels like these represent the great body of public opinion in all the colonies which have accepted the Commonwealth Bill, not as an inspired or miraculous document, but as offering a sound yet amendable working basis for federation.

Yesterday's results, though foreseen, advance us a considerable distance on the way towards the desired end. There is now no reason why the bill should not be transmitted to England with no more delay than is necessary to have the authorisation recorded by the several Legislatures. So far as our own Parliament is concerned there is no reason to anticipate difficulty. Both parties have accepted the duty of loyally serving the cause they are both pledged to, and though a few individual members may stand out, their attitude is not likely to affect the result. Even in the Council there is reason to believe that wiser counsels will prevail over the desire which is said to exist there to impede federation. In the other colonies no serious obstacle is looked for. In the course of a few weeks we shall know Queensland's opinion, and though the party vote in the Perth Parliament seems to imply difficulty, there is no reason to despair of the future of the question in that colony. The prospect for federation could not be brighter, and with a majority vote totalling over 300,000 in the four colonies where the referendum has been taken, or about three-fourths of the whole of the votes recorded, it is now beyond doubt on which side of the federal question Australian public opinion has ranged itself.

The anarchist extremes to which strikers may go is receiving lurid illustration just now in Cleveland, Ohio, whence we hear by cable of tramcars being dynamited by the strikers, of threats by armed rioters against non-unionists, while the military and police have been provided with ball cartridge and ordered to repel attacks with the bayonet. As so often occurs in cases of street-rioting, women have been conspicuous by the part they have taken in these violent proceedings, and the matter as it stands gives promise of developing even more serious features. As will have been seen by our American correspondent's letter published yesterday, this contest between workmen and employers has been going on for some time. There had already been riots for ten days when he wrote on June 23, and if the strife has been in progress ever since it becomes difficult for a peaceful and law-abiding community to realise the condition of public disorder which must now exist in Cleveland. Our correspondent gives some interesting information about the way this kind of warfare is carried on. In the case of one town he mentions, a strike has been in progress for a year, but instead of rioting there the strikers proceed by means of boycott. They strike at the company through its customers, and the labour unions so completely control the situation that no citizen dares to ride in the cars under pain of losing his business connection. This is effective enough where it is operative, but in the larger towns something more forcible is necessary. The Cleveland strikers discourage tram-riding with dynamite, and the cars have to be fitted with revolving brooms to sweep the explosives out of the way. Such a state of things as this implies, of course, is almost unrealisable by us, but it offers a grim object-lesson of the possibilities that lie in these industrial upheavals, while suggesting the necessity for sufficient safety-valves to take off the pressure.

When it was announced to the world a few weeks ago that the Diet of the Grand Duchy of Hesse had passed a measure taxing bachelors 25 per cent. in excess of the taxes on married men the natural feeling excited in many breasts was that of sympathy for the host of forlorn women on whose behalf it was deemed necessary to resort to such vigorous and practical incentives to matrimony. Bachelors in other lands might, in spirit of clanship with their German celibate brothers, be inspired with sentiments of indignation at the restrictions imposed on their mode of living, but the general public would smilingly acquiesce in the justice of the imposed tax, even if they doubted its chances of proving effectual. But a slightly different complexion is given to this burning question by the frank avowal in an English magazine by a well-known literary woman, who claims to voice the opinions of a large number of her sex, that women are ceasing to marry. If we seek for the explanation of this we find it in the stern statement that "man has been found out." Whereas in the middle Victorian period woman adored him, worshipped his imperfections, and regarded marriage with him as the only ideal, now "she knows better," and while critically accepting him as an agreeable sort of creature to make a butt of, has herself become a wholly independent person, with quite changed views of what constitutes philosophical happiness. We hear a good deal about the emancipation of women, and this we suppose is one of its forms. In this colony it might complicate matters somewhat if woman adhered too strictly to this line of emancipated conduct. Mr. Coghlan's population returns published this week show that we have in New South Wales an excess of close on a hundred thousand males over females, and so perhaps we may yet see the day when the German measure will be reversed in our midst, and all single women find themselves subject to a tax. We imagine that it is one that they would willingly seek to evade. In this connection significance attaches to an item of news we published to the effect that last month in New York a rich Montana ranchman, who advertised that he would give £40,000 to any plain, practical young woman who would wed him, found his hotel so besieged by women that the proprietor ordered him to leave. Human nature, we know, does not differ much in different parts of the world.

VICE-REGAL NEWS.—His Excellency the Governor and Lady Mary Lygon, with the Hon. Violet Somerset, Mr. Victor Corkran, private secretary, and Captain Wilfrid Smith, A.D.C., were present at the Masonic ball at the Town Hall last night. To-morrow Earl Beauchamp will be present at the football match, England v. New South Wales, and in the evening his Excellency will entertain the English football team at dinner at Government House. On Sunday Lady Mary Lygon will leave Sydney on a visit to Lord and Lady Lamington at Brisbane.

MESSAGE FROM THE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT.—From information received, his Excellency the Governor was enabled to communicate to the Colonial Office that some 1860 officers, non-commissioned officers, and men of the defence forces of New South Wales had volunteered their services, if wanted, for South Africa. The following telegram in reply was received yesterday by his Excellency from Mr. Chamberlain:—"Her Majesty's Government highly appreciate the loyal and patriotic spirit shown by those who have offered their services. Proposal placed on record at the War Office. Full consideration will be given to offer should necessity arise for reinforcement of troops now in South Africa.—(Signed) Chamberlain."

THE ADDRESS IN REPLY.—The debate in the Assembly on the motion for the adoption of the Address in Reply to the speech delivered by the Governor at the opening of Parliament led to an all-night sitting. The debate was resumed at 4 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon and continued till 5 o'clock yesterday morning. It was contemplated that the House should at half-past 3 in the afternoon proceed to Government House for the purpose of presenting the reply to his Excellency, and accordingly carriages were ordered for that time. Meanwhile, however, the Temporary Supply Bill had come under consideration, and members were in so talkative a mood that they were unwilling to interrupt the proceedings for the purpose of presenting the reply to the Governor. The Premier hoped against hope that the debate would soon come to a close, and accordingly kept the carriages in waiting until about 5 o'clock. He communicated with his Excellency, who indicated that he would have much pleasure in receiving the Address in Reply to-day, and then Mr. Reid abandoned the intention of presenting it last evening. A special sitting of the House will be held at half-past 11 o'clock this morning with the object of conveying the Address in Reply to Earl Beauchamp.

TEMPORARY SUPPLY BILL.—A Temporary Supply Bill was passed through all its stages by both Houses of Parliament yesterday. At one time it was feared that the passage of the measure would be delayed by the Assembly to such an extent as to forbid the Council dealing with it before Wednesday next, but the talkativeness of members eventually gave way to a recognition of the necessities of the case. The Premier informed a member of the "Herald" staff last evening that there would now be no delay in paying the salaries of Civil servants, and that duty would be discharged on Monday next.

THE BUDGET STATEMENT.—It was announced in the Assembly yesterday that the Colonial Treasurer had determined upon delivering his Budget speech within the next month.

MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.—Notice has been given by Mr. Perry of his intention to ask the Colonial Secretary in the Legislative Assembly:—1. Have the following gentlemen, who were appointed as members of the Executive Council, ever resigned that office, viz., William John Lyne, Thomas Michael Slattery, John Moore Chanter, Henry Clarke, William M'Millan, Bruce Smith, Daniel O'Connor, John See, Charles Gilbert Heydon, Henry Copeland, and Richard Edward O'Connor? 2. If so, on what dates did they resign? 3. Are they still members of the Executive Council?

THE PROPOSED NEW PYRMONT BRIDGE.—The Minister for Works has accepted tenders for the construction of three of the essential features of the new Pyrmont Bridge. The successful tenderers are Messrs. M'Cormick and Son, Mr. M'Clure, and Messrs. Farley and M'Carthy, which firms have respectively undertaken to construct the iron swing span, the timber approaches, and the stone work of the bridge.

INSPECTION BY RAILWAY COMMISSIONERS.—The Railway Commissioners travelled along the North Coast line yesterday, and made an inspection of stations and works between Strathfield and Adamstown. The Commissioners returned to Sydney in the evening.

THE DUTY ON CANDLES.—A deputation from Newcastle, representing the Sydney Soap and Candle Company, waited upon the Colonial Treasurer yesterday and urged him to restore the duty on candles to 1d per lb. It was represented that the works of the company were established many years ago, and at a time when the duty on candles was 1d per lb.; and despite the fact that wages had been reduced, it was found that in the absence of such duty it was impossible to compete with the imported article. Mr. Carruthers promised to consider very carefully the representations made by the deputation, and to communicate with the Cabinet on the subject.

COLLIERY DISPUTES.—In reference to the dispute which has arisen between the employees and the proprietors of the Pacific Colliery, Teralba, the Minister for Labour and Industry (Mr. Hogue) has received an intimation that the masters decline to meet the miners in conference. It is understood that in respect of the dispute in connection with the Lithgow collieries, and also the abovenamed colliery, the duty will now devolve upon the Minister of taking such steps as are contemplated by the Conciliation and Arbitration Act with a view to bringing the questions in dispute to arbitration. Mr. Hogue, however, before taking any action in that regard, will await certain reports relative to the attitude of the miners.

NORTH SHORE CABLE TRAMS.—Reference was made in the North Shore Council on Tuesday evening to the overcrowding of the cable trams, and the Mayor intimated that the Railway Commissioners had done nothing to stop the practice. We have ascertained that representations were made to the Commissioners in the matter by Mr. E. M. Clark, M.L.A., and Mr. Purves, and a promise was given that an additional tram would be brought out at the time that the business was thickest, and relief was accordingly arranged in connection with the 5.28 and 5.58 p.m. trams, a third division being run. It has been found that at the present time the cable has the maximum load which it can with safety bear at these hours. The officers of the department have been doing their utmost to facilitate the business on the North Shore cable line, and generally the public is satisfied with the arrangements made. It is understood that when the electric system is introduced a better service will be given.

MINING IN THE INVERELL AND GLEN INNES DISTRICTS.—There are evident signs that a strong revival in mining is now taking place. Mr. Cook has received a telegram from the warden at Inverell to the effect that he has at the present moment 80 applications waiting for him to visit and mark out land for mining for tin and diamonds in that district. The work in the northern district in marking out areas for prospecting and otherwise has been so heavy of late that the department has asked that a second warden be sent to the Inverell and Glen Innes districts to cope with the work.

NORTH SYDNEY ASSESSMENTS.—The valuers (Messrs. Temple and Armstrong) placed on the table at the last meeting of the North Sydney council their final report upon the rateable property within the borough, as it remained after appeal. It showed that the total assessed value was £193,558 11s, as against £187,126 16s for the previous year, or an increase for the current year of £6431 15s, with an increase of rates amounting to £407 17s 7d. There were also 177 new houses erected during the year, and, including those in course of erection, 195 vacant houses.

A RECENT SALVAGE CASE.—When it is considered that in the case of the Perthshire salvage £5000 was accepted, the following is interesting:—In the Admiralty Division, London, June 23, Mr. Justice Bucknill heard an action in which the owners, master, and crew of the steamer Delano claimed remuneration for salving the Glasgow steamer Strathleven when her tail shaft was broken and she was leaking. Her signals for immediate assistance were seen by the Delano on September 1, and the latter went to her aid. It was arranged that she should try and tow the Strathleven to St. John's, 312 miles distant. A boat was launched, and ropes passed and made fast, but they parted several times owing to the violent gale, rough seas, and the wild steering of the Strathleven, which was leaking badly by this time. Several times the vessels lost sight of each other, and only joined company again by burning flares. It was not until September 7 that the vessels arrived at St. John's. The total value of the property so salved was £33,800. In giving judgment, his Lordship said the service was a most excellent one, and he should award the plaintiffs £3800—owners £2900, master £300, and crew £600, the men who performed the boat service to take a half-share extra.

THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE FIRE BRIGADES.—The fire brigades having found that the site which they now occupy in Castlereagh-street is too restricted in area to permit of the operations of the brigade being carried out with all the facility that is desirable, made through a deputation, which included the Mayor of Sydney (Alderman Sir Matthew Harris, M.L.A.), representations to the Colonial Secretary on the subject yesterday. Mr. Brunker recognised the necessities of the case and promised to consult his colleagues on the subject of obtaining an adjacent site.

THE IRON CHURCH IN MACQUARIE-STREET.—The old historic iron church in Macquarie-street is destined to be sent to Rookwood. The structure, which for years past has been utilised in connection with the lending branch of the Free Public Library, is now in course of being dismantled and taken to pieces. A scheme is about to be carried out of transferring many of the inmates of charitable institutions at Parramatta to other establishments at Rookwood, where they will not be so crowded together, and where their conditions of life will of necessity be much more agreeable. The old iron church, around which so many memories linger, being available, the conclusion was arrived at that it would be possible to use it advantageously at Rookwood, possibly as a storeroom, and it has been determined to transport it thither.

SYDNEY UNIVERSITY ENGINEERING SOCIETY.—The above society held its usual general meeting in the Engineering School on Wednesday evening. There was a large attendance of members. Mr. W. Poole read a paper on the measuring of river-discharge by surface floats, and it was discussed by Messrs. P. W. Rygate, M.A., B.E., N. J. M'Taggart, B.E., and by Mr. Houghton (ex-president of engineering section of the Royal Society). A paper communicated by Mr. N. Reid, B.E., on the "Concentration of Ores at Broken Hill" was read. A vote of thanks to the authors of the various papers was passed, and the meeting was concluded by the exhibition of some lantern slides illustrating the scientific expedition to Funafuti.

TECHNICAL COLLEGE.—The following candidates were successful in the examination at the Technical College in wool-classing (practical work, two days, July 12 and 13; theory, four hours, July 14):—Richard Hunter Maund, O'Connell, Bathurst, attended two sessions, highest right through; Horace G. Glasson, Blayney, two sessions; W. F. St. L. Baldwin, Inverell, three sessions; Harold Thomas Bootes, Gundagai, one session; Herbert Lovelee, Narrabri, two sessions; Melville M'Naught, Marrickville, three sessions; Eric Terry, Eastwood, two sessions; Claude Pascoe, Bathurst, two sessions; William Bung, Leichhardt, two sessions; Owen E. Friend, Newtown, two sessions. The nine last names are not in rotation as regards merits.

DEATH OF A SHIPOWNER.—The sailing vessel Pendle Hill came into port yesterday and reported the master having died. The Pendle Hill left Newcastle the other day for Napier with a cargo of coal, and on the night after leaving (Monday last) the captain was in first-rate health. He took a good tea and appeared to be very well. He had, he said, suffered from indigestion, and complained a little before turning in. At midnight the chief officer reported to him, and at that time the captain came on deck and saw that all was right. At 4.30 a.m. the steward knocked at the door of his cabin with coffee. There was no reply, and an hour later he was found dead. Captain Norris's life was wrapped up in the New Zealand, the island, and the Australian trade. When in the Fiji trade in 1865 he carried perhaps as many passengers, always in his own vessels, as any shipmaster sailing out of New Zealand. Captain Norris was through the Maori war. His early home in the colonies was at the Bay of Islands, where he owned a station. Having in his time been a whaling master, he clung to the beautiful isles which lie out beyond Russell. In the Waikato war Captain Norris rendered invaluable service, fitting out his vessels entirely at his personal expense with provisions for the aid of settlers whose homes were invaded by the then savages. And during the memorable Poverty Bay massacre Captain Norris's vessels sheltered the escaping women and children. Off Opotiki bar he rescued two boats' crews of settlers during the time that the Hau Hau rising took place, when the Rev. Mr. Volkner was hung up to a tree and the people fled to a church. It was in his later years that Captain Norris met with misfortune. In a barque named the Glimpse he had such an experience as falls to the lot of few. The vessel foundered in a storm, and the crew took to the boats. In his boat was his young son, and after weeks of drifting about the boy died, and the father himself, as the boat's crew were nearly at death's door, had to throw the boy's body into the sea.

DEATH OF A CHILD.—An inquiry was held at Pymble yesterday by the City Coroner (Mr. J. C. Woore, J.P.) regarding the death of an infant, named Irene Alice Shelley, aged five months, who died suddenly, at her parents' residence at Roseville, on Wednesday last. It appeared that on the mother waking in the morning of the day named she noticed something the matter with the child, which was in the same bed. Dr. M'Sweeney was called, and was of opinion that death had taken place some hours before from suffocation. The coroner entered a finding of accidental death.

NEW SOUTH WALES VOLUNTEERS IN LONDON.—Two years ago (says the London "Daily Telegraph"), when the volunteers from New South Wales were in London in connection with the Diamond Jubilee celebration, the men, as a matter of course, made many friends. Last year several "commemoration" cards were received by the latter from the soldiers in the antipodes, and the friendly greeting has been repeated this month. During the anniversary of the Queen's drive through London amid the acclamations of the people, a card was received by an ex-soldier who was in the Foot Guards at the time, but has since passed into civil life, which bears an appropriate inscription, and has on it views of Sydney, including, of course, the famous harbour. This compliment from beyond the seas was delivered in barracks, and thence posted to the person for whom it was intended. These small courtesies show how constantly our kin in the colonies think of home.

WEALTH OF THE RUSSIAN IMPERIAL FAMILY.—"Those interested in such matters often speculate as to why, Russia being so comparatively poor, the Imperial family is the wealthiest in the world. The reason is," according to the "Critic," "that the Russian Royalties, who now number no fewer than 48 persons, are indebted to the prudence of an ancestor—Paul I.—who set aside a considerable sum of money and 10 landed estates, to which he gave the name of the Imperial appanages. The income of this property is devoted in perpetuity to the suitable maintenance of those members of the Imperial family not in the direct line of succession. At the present time the total annual revenue of the Imperial appanages is £2,000,000 sterling, and this fund, which has always been most ably and honestly administered, owns more land than any proprietor in Russia. Were it not for this fund every member of the Imperial family would be dependent on the good nature and caprice of the reigning Emperor, whose own revenues are practically limitless, as all the resources of the empire are technically his private property."

The Permanent Artillery Band will not play in the Domain to-day.

For many months the Marrickville aldermen have been agitating for a new entrance to the local railway station from Myrtle-street, and on Tuesday the Commissioners visited the station to see what could be done. Aldermen Benson and Heslehurst received the Commissioners, and pointed out the great convenience an entrance for foot-passengers from Myrtle-street would be, and the Commissioners consented to provide the entrance as desired.

An advertisement appears elsewhere with regard to a sale of Tasmanian and Australian furs and island curios by Messrs. Henry Harris and Co. this morning.

The cinematograph exhibition given at the Equitable Life Assurance conversazione on Wednesday evening was provided by Mr. Blow, of the Crown Studios.

Mr. F. W. Hixson, who is a son of the President of the Marine Board, Captain Francis Hixson, R.N., has been joined in his business of chartering, shipping, freight and insurance agents by Mr. D. A. Madden, of Messrs. D. A. Madden and Company, brokers for 20 years to the P. and O. Company. The business will be conducted under the style of Madden and Hixson, who have with them Mr. James M. Johnston, formerly of Messrs. Balchin and Johnston, a gentleman of wide shipping and commercial experience.

It is announced by advertisement that Messrs. Golding, florists, have removed to 468 George-street, opposite the new Markets.

Last evening about 7 o'clock a man named J. L. S. Sylvester, who was unable to give his address and occupation, was picked up in Elizabeth-street in an insensible condition. He was taken to Sydney Hospital by the Civil Ambulance and Transport Brigade, and admitted by Dr. Windeyer. Sylvester is suffering from the effects of a fall.

COUNTRY QUARTER SESSIONS.

DUBBO, Thursday.

The Quarter Sessions were continued yesterday. Alexander Wilson was charged with stealing eight sheep, the property of W. C. Hill, Butterbone, and was also charged on a second count of feloniously receiving. The case was commenced at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon and lasted till 4 o'clock this afternoon. The accused was found guilty. Richard Reeves, charged with stealing clothes valued at £5, the property of A. T. Wood, from the premises of Mrs. Fletcher, was found guilty of receiving. Both were remanded for sentence. Lee Duck pleaded not guilty to a charge of stealing a bag of onion seed, valued at £5, from Tin Lee, at Obley. The accused, who was undefended, was found guilty of simple larceny, and was sentenced to three months' hard labour in Dubbo Gaol. William Ward was charged with stealing in company. The Crown was not prepared to proceed, and the accused was discharged in his own recognisance of £10.

Acting Judge Merewether sentenced the following prisoners at the Quarter Sessions this afternoon:—William M'Guinness, breaking and entering, six months' hard labour; William Jones, breaking and entering, nine months' hard labour; Thomas Foley, stealing hides, eight months' hard labour; Wm. Francis Kelly, forgery and uttering, 18 months' hard labour; Francis Kelly was also found guilty with A. J. Kelly of receiving stolen wool, both received sentences of 12 months' hard labour; Richard Reeves, receiving stolen goods, 12 months' hard labour; Alex. Wilson, sheep stealing, four years' penal servitude; Wm. Wallace and Donald M'Ewan, attempted breaking and entering, 18 and 12 months' hard labour respectively.

GOULBURN, Thursday.

At the Quarter Sessions yesterday Stanley Lake, 14, who on Tuesday pleaded guilty to shooting five cattle, was liberated under the First Offenders Act. Edward Heather, charged with assault, was convicted, with a strong recommendation to mercy on account of his previous good character. George Frederick Craig, charged with stealing at Captain's Flat, was acquitted by direction of his Honor.

TO-DAY.

Musical Afternoon, in aid of the Home for Working Gentlewomen, Masonic Hall, 3 p.m.
Illustrated Lecture, "Wealth and Progress of New South Wales," Lecture Hall, Equitable-building, 8 p.m.
Y.W.C.A., 49 Phillip-street, Rev. A. R. and Mrs. Cavalier, of the Zenana Bible and Medical Mission, will speak, 7.30.
Annual Meeting North Sydney District Cricket Club, Town Hall, North Sydney, 8 p.m.
Jubilee of St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church: Public Meeting, 8 p.m.
Coogee Aquarium: All day.
Darlinghurst Skating Rink: 10 a.m.
Her Majesty's Theatre: "Belle of New York," 8 p.m.
Theatre Royal: "The Physician," 8 p.m.
Criterion Theatre: Afro-American Minstrels, 8 p.m.
Tivoli Theatre: 7.45 p.m.
Lyceum Theatre: "Our Native Home," 7.45 p.m.
Opera House: "The Kelly Gang," 2.30 and 8 p.m.
Bondi Aquarium: Open daily.
The Cyclorama and Hall of Illusions: 10 a.m. till 9 p.m.

The Original Christy Minstrels, an interesting article in this week's Mail, accompanied by a portrait of Mr. Ted Rainford and a picture of Rainford's Original Christy Minstrel Troupe.—Advt.

SECOND EDITION.

THE AUSTRALIAN CRICKETERS.

MATCH AGAINST SUSSEX.

THE ENGLISHMEN BATTING.

LONDON, July 27.

The Australians commenced a match at Brighton to-day against the Sussex County Eleven.

The weather was beautifully fine and the wicket fast. There are about 3000 present.

The following were chosen to represent Sussex:—G. Brann, Collins, F. Marlow, J. Vine, E. H. Killick, F. W. Tate, F. Parris, H. R. Butt, C. H. Bland, C. B. Fry, and Ranjitsinhji.

Johns, Howell, and Iredale are omitted from the Australian team.

Sussex won the toss and elected to bat, Fry and Brann being the first representatives. Noble and Jones were the bowlers. Fry has scored 19 and Brann 6, the board showing 28 runs with no wicket down.

1.40 p.m.

Fry was missed by Worrall when he had scored 3. Brann was also let off at the wicket before he had opened his account. Jones is bowling at terrific pace. Fry batted freely and has scored 47, his partner having 23 to his credit. The total is 75.

2.25 p.m.

Fry continued to knock the bowling about, but Brann, after adding a single, was bowled by M'Leod, who had gone on in place of Jones.

Ranjitsinhji, who followed, did not remain long, as he was bowled by M'Leod after making 5. Killick joined Fry, and has scored 3. Fry, not out, 87.

At the adjournment for luncheon the board showed two wickets down for 124.

3.35 p.m.

On the resumption of play Fry continued to bat with vigour, and has now scored 105, Killick not out 15. Two for 154.

The following are the scores:—

SUSSEX.—First Innings.

C. B. Fry, not out	105
Brann, b M'Leod	24
Ranjitsinhji, b M'Leod	5
Killick, not out	15
Sundries	6
Two for	154

FIRE IN OXFORD-STREET.

A fire broke out at 3 o'clock this morning at 33 Oxford-street, in premises occupied by Angelo Guiffre, fruiterer. The fire, which originated in the front portion of the shop, was extinguished in a few minutes by the Metropolitan Fire Brigade under Superintendent Webb, who were promptly on the scene.

The building is a two-storey brick tenement, and is owned by Mr. Charles Stewart. The stock and furniture are insured in the Queensland Mutual Office.

IN PARLIAMENT.

In the Legislative Council last night the first business dealt with was the adoption of an address to his Excellency Lord Beauchamp, congratulating him upon his assumption of the position of Governor of New South Wales. On the motion of Mr. Trickett, acting on behalf of Mr. Pilcher, the Totalisator Bill was introduced and read the first time, but before the formal motion was passed Sir Arthur Renwick, who strenuously opposed a similar measure when it was submitted some time back, again expressed his hostility to the bill, as being in his opinion merely a means of legalising gambling. This idea, however, was scouted by Mr. Trickett, who said that when the hon. gentleman thoroughly understood the merits of the bill he would see that it had a tendency to minimise the evils of gambling, and that he would then probably withdraw his opposition. The Caperiso Tramway Bill was passed through all its stages and forwarded to the Assembly, and on the motion of the Minister for Justice a number of what are known as consolidating bills were introduced and read the first time. The Temporary Supply Bill having arrived from the Assembly, the Minister for Justice moved its second reading, and gave an explanation of some of the more important items. Dr. MacLaurin took the opportunity of pointing out that the Auditor-General's report, which they had now before them, emphatically proved what he had asserted several sessions ago, namely, that the Government, instead of having a surplus every year as the Premier boasted, had a deficit, which had accumulated year by year until it reached on June 30, 1898, over £3,000,000. The hon. gentleman also expressed an opinion that it was a scandalous thing that certain items, such as for instance the installation of the electric light at Government House and in the gaols of the colony, should be defrayed out of loan votes instead of current revenue. The Minister for Justice having replied, and explained more in detail some of the items in the schedule, the bill was read the second time, and passed through all its remaining stages.

After the "Herald" went to press yesterday a sustained bout of talking was indulged in when the Supply Bill came on. Mr. Carruthers moved the suspension of the Standing Orders in order that all stages of the bill might be gone through at that sitting. Mr. Barton asked for more information: he could not see that a two months' Supply Bill was necessary except during a time of crisis, and there was no crisis now. Mr. Carruthers said that so soon as the federal question was disposed of the financial statement would be made. There was a long discussion, and a good deal of mention of the Auditor-General's report. Members wanted to know why it had not been placed in their hands, since one or two copies had been circulated. The Premier said that a copy of the report had been obtained a week ago by underhand means. When the committee stage was reached there was long and purposeless debating over the votes, and at one time the Premier hinted at the closure. After this it was chiefly wrangling, Mr. Reid asserting that Mr. Lyne had not grasped his new system of keeping accounts, and Mr. Lyne retorting that he certainly did not know enough to cook accounts. In the course of one of his short speeches Mr. Reid complained of the leakages in Government departments and how official documents had been supplied by underhand means. Things had reached such a pitch, he said, as to warrant the closest inquiry into the matter. All night and through the afternoon the debate was kept up, and it was not till after 4.30 p.m. that the Supply Bill itself was brought in. There was much discussion after this, and eventually the bill was passed.

The committee of the Erskineville Benevolent Society met at the Erskineville Council Chambers on Monday, July 24. Present: Mesdames Hanson, Powell, Schuler, Murray, and Watson, Miss Scanlan, Alderman Schuler (hon. treasurer), Messrs. J. W. H. Clarke and R. Hollis (hon. secretaries). Mrs. Hanson (vice-president) was in the chair, in consequence of a written apology from the president, Alderman Gaius Clarke (Mayor). The ladies' committee reported that the forthcoming social on behalf of the society promised to be a success. The report of the ladies' committee was received, and accepted. Correspondence from the Government Charities Department was read, giving names of two persons relieved by the department in Erskineville. It was resolved that the secretaries write to the Charities Department, stating that before relief is granted by that department the committee is of opinion that inquiries should be made from the local committee, which would have the effect of undeserving cases being exposed. Mrs. Murray brought under notice a distressing case, and the secretary was instructed to bring it before the Charities Department with a view to relief being granted under the State Children's Relief Amendment Act. Several cases of severe distress were reported and measures taken to give them relief. The various district grocers and butchers were appointed for the month of August.

SPECIAL CABLES.

FROM THE "HERALD'S" LONDON CORRESPONDENTS.

THE DREYFUS CASE.

THE REMOVAL OF GENERALS.

NATIONALIST NEWSPAPERS FURIOUS.

NO EVIDENCE OF DREYFUS'S GUILT.

LONDON, July 26.

The French Nationalist newspapers protest against the removal of General Pellieux from the command of an army brigade in Brittany. They consider that his disgrace and that of General Negrier, who was removed from the Supreme Council of War, are intended to intimidate the Rennes Court-martial on Captain Dreyfus.

General Negrier was on an inspection tour. His removal has caused a sensation in France.

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The Nationalist newspapers are furious at General Negrier's disgrace. They declare that General Gallifet is beheading the army.

The Radical and Socialist organs commend the firmness displayed by the Minister for War.

M. Mazeau, first President of the Court of Cassation, has assured President Loubet that there is no evidence of the guilt of Captain Dreyfus, but, on the contrary, the strongest presumption of his innocence.

Captain Dreyfus is suffering from an attack of malarial fever.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.

EXPERIMENTS BY MR. MASKELYNE.

LONDON, July 27.

Mr. H. Maskelyne has carried out a series of successful experiments with wireless telegraphy. By means of this system he exchanged signals with an aeronaut in a balloon.

The aeronaut, acting under Mr. Maskelyne's directions, exploded at a height of several miles a tail of guncotton cartridges suspended from the balloon. He also exploded by the agency of electricity, and without establishing contact, at a distance of 400 yards, a powder magazine on land.

Mr. Maskelyne professes to be able to achieve equally successful results between two points 10 miles distant.

OLD AGE PENSIONS.

LONDON, July 27.

The Select Committee on the Aged and Deserving Poor, of which Mr. Henry Chaplin, M.P., President of the Board of Agriculture, is chairman, has presented its report to Parliament. It recommends that every needy and deserving person who has attained the age of 65 shall be eligible to receive a minimum pension of 5s per week, provided equally from the local rates and the National Exchequer.

SUGAR BOUNTIES CONFERENCE.

LONDON, July 26.

It is reported that France is willing to join the International Sugar Bounties Conference at Brussels if it should reassemble.

REFORMATORY SHIP BURNT.

LONDON, July 26.

The Roman Catholic reformatory ship Clarence was to-day burnt at her moorings on the Mersey. The whole of the 350 boys stationed on the vessel escaped.

QUEENSLAND.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

Owing to the Barcoo encountering bad weather after leaving Bowen, Gladstone was not reached until 7 this morning, and the Premier, who expected to arrive this morning, did not reach Brisbane till to-night. In consequence of the delay the Premier's engagements to-day were upset. Mr. Dickson intended to open the Laidley Farmers' Show, but this was done by the Hon. H. Barlow. The show was very successful, and large numbers of country people attended. The Premier leaves Brisbane again to-night to open the Clifton Agricultural Show.

There was only a small attendance of electors present at the official declaration of the South Brisbane poll, when Mr. Turley was declared elected.

The report of the Government Electrician on the Brisbane telephone system for the year ending June states that satisfactory progress has been made with laying underground wires. The new switchboard has also been fixed, and is now working well. Nearly 800 new telephones were issued to subscribers during the year, and 600 more have been ordered. The report points out that much trouble is caused to operators by reason of the carelessness with which some subscribers use the telephones, mainly through ignorance.

The rehearing of the Norley-Thargomindah land appeal cases, which have been before the Supreme Court during the past few days, took an unexpected development to-day, when objection was taken to the two assessors who were appointed at the last trial to assist the Judge to determine the case. It resulted in both the assessors, Messrs. Leahy and Phillips withdrawing from the case. The objection was taken on the ground that they were more or less indirectly concerned in the matter.

Quite a number of towns in the west central districts report that steady light rain has been falling since yesterday. The fall so far is not heavy, but there is every appearance of its continuing.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

PERTH, Thursday.

A Public Service Bill was introduced in the Legislative Assembly last night. The bill provides for the classification of officers of the Public Service in six classes, according to salaries, and a probationary class, and, unless in exceptional cases, officers must enter the probationary class, and reach the other classes only after examination. Ministers of the Crown, Judges of the Supreme Court, and certain others are exempt from the operation of the Act. The Public Service is to be controlled by a board of three members, the chairman receiving £800 and the members £600 each per annum. The board is given wide powers for the control and regulation of the service.

LLOYD'S 1s 3d TEA is the Tea that will please you. Call to-day. 109 King-street, or 594 George-street.—Advt.

THE TRANSVAAL.

CAPE COLONY AND THE TRANSVAAL.

LONDON, July 27.

Speaking in the Cape Assembly, Mr. Cecil Rhodes declared that it was intended to tax Transvaal products entering Rhodesia until Cape products were admitted to the Transvaal free.

THE OFFERS OF COLONIAL TROOPS.

LONDON, July 27.

India is ready to send 10,000 British troops to the Transvaal.

The Colonial Office appreciates the offer of troops from New South Wales, but it is hoped that their services will be unnecessary.

THE GREATER BRITAIN EXHIBITION.

VICTORIAN AWARDS.

LONDON, July 27.

Thirty-five diplomas of honour have been awarded to Victorian exhibitors at the Greater Britain Exhibition at Earl's Court, London, and six to the Victorian Government.

SILK EXHIBITS.

LONDON, July 27.

Sir T. Wardle, president of the Silk Association of England and Ireland, is pleased with the exhibit of Victorian silk, and offers, if supplied with 100lb. of cocoons, to convert the silk into marketable goods with the view of testing its commercial value.

THE SITUATION IN SPAIN.

LONDON, July 27.

Speaking in the Spanish Senate yesterday General Weyler, formerly Commander-in-Chief of the Spanish forces in Cuba, declared that a revolution would probably take place in Spain in order to bring about the regeneration of the country.

ANTARCTIC EXPLORATION.

THE BELGICA EXPEDITION.

LONDON, July 27.

The steamer Belgica, which conveyed the Belgian expedition under Lieutenant De Gerlache to the Antarctic, will return from South America to Belgium in September.

STRIKE RIOTS IN AMERICA.

FURTHER OUTRAGES.

LONDON, July 26.

The riots in connection with the strike of tramway employees continue in Cleveland, Ohio, United States, and further outrages have been committed.

Another street car was dynamited yesterday in Cleveland. The cars in the city in consequence of the action of the rioters have been equipped with revolving brooms in order to sweep away the explosives placed on the rails.

The soldiers who were called out to assist the police have been ordered to fire and to use their bayonets if attacked by the rioters.

CHINA AND JAPAN.

LONDON, July 27.

The claim of Japan for a measure of financial control over the reorganisation of the Chinese army and navy is the chief obstacle to an alliance with China.

NEW FRENCH BATTLESHIP.

LONDON, July 26.

The French warship Suffren, the largest battleship in the French navy, was launched to-day from the Government dockyard at Brest. She was 190 days only on the stocks.

The Suffren is an enlarged Iena, which was launched at Brest last year and cost £1,136,385. It was estimated the Suffren would cost slightly more. Her displacement is 12,728 tons; length, 411ft. 9in.; beam, 70ft. 4in.; draught of water aft, 27ft. 6in. The armament consists of four 12in. guns, coupled in turrets, which can be worked by hand or electricity; ten 6.4 in. quick-firing guns (compared with eight in the Iena), eight 3.9 in q.f. guns, 20 1.8 q.f. guns, and four torpedo-tubes, of which two will be submerged. The speed with 16,200 i.h.p. is expected to be 18 knots.

THE STARTING MACHINE.

LONDON, July 26.

"Truth" states that the starting machine in America has proved "a complete and ignominious failure."

SILVER.

LONDON, July 26.

Bar silver is quoted to-day at 2s 3 11-16d per ounce standard.

GOODWOOD JULY MEETING.

THE GOODWOOD PLATE.

WON BY MERMAN.

LONDON, July 27.

At the Goodwood July Meeting yesterday the contest for the leading event on the programme resulted as under:—

Goodwood Plate, a handicap of 800 sovs., by subscription of 20 sovs. each, second to receive 50 sovs., and third to save subscription; 2 miles.

Mr. Jersey's ch h Merman, by Grand Flaneur—Seaweed, aged	1
Mr. A. Warg's Mitcham, 3 years	2
Mr. L. Brassey's b h Merry Buck, by Merry Hampton—Papaua, 4 years	3

Won in a canter by three lengths.

The Goodwood Plate closed with 33 nominations, and the winner (Merman) was the only Australian representative. Among the others were such good performers as Winsome Charteris, Uncle Mac, Bradwardine, Nouveau Riche, Sherburn, Hawfinch, and Labrador. At the time the last mail to hand left England the weights had not been declared. Last year the Goodwood Plate was won by Mr. E. Cassel's b h Marius II., by St. Serf from Sunny Queen, who defeated six others, and the prize was worth £710.

STICK TO WHAT IS GOOD, what has been proved to be good, what has been tested by time and proved to be pure, ARNOTT'S Milk Arrowroot Biscuits.—Advt.

THE AUSTRALIAN CRICKETERS.

THEIR SECOND DEFEAT.

THE MATCH AGAINST SURREY.

SURREY WINS BY 104 RUNS.

LONDON, July 26.

The match between the Australians and Surrey was resumed on the Kennington Oval to-day. The weather was beautifully fine and the wicket good. The attendance numbered 1200. The state of the game was—Surrey first innings, 112; second innings, 351, Australia, first innings, 165; second innings, 2 runs with no wickets down. The Australians, requiring 297 to win, continued their innings, M'Leod and Trumble, the not out men of the previous day, when each scored a single, again taking their places at the wickets. The bowlers were Brockwell and Lockwood.

The batsmen commenced cautiously, the bowling being good. M'Leod was the first to leave. Before getting into double figures Brockwell got through his defence, and he retired for 8. One for 28; Trumble 19. Noble, who joined Trumble, was soon disposed of, being caught by Wood, off Lockwood, when he had obtained a single. Wood turned round smartly, and with his back to the stumps cleverly secured the catch. Two for 29. Worrall was next, and soon lost Trumble, who added 4, and was bowled by Brockwell for 23. Three for 33. Trumper partnered Worrall, and soon obtained 15, the Victorian, who appeared uncomfortable, getting 8, and being then easily caught in the slips by Hayes off Brockwell. Four for 56. The gap was filled by Gregory, who scored slowly. His partner, playing with confidence, gave an attractive display. Putting a lot of power into his strokes Trumper made several fours. The bowling and fielding were admirable. Lockwood and Brockwell were relieved by T. Richardson and Lees. The interest of the onlookers increased as the score mounted. Trumper continued to do most of the run-getting, and had got 48, Gregory being 11, and the total 98 for four wickets, when play was adjourned for luncheon.

On resuming 10 runs were added, leaving the colonials 189 to get to win. The partnership, which produced 52 runs, was than broken, Gregory being caught in the slips by Hayes off T. Richardson. Five for 108; Trumper 54, Darling followed and played vigorously from the outset. The pair added 40, when Darling was caught at the wickets off Richardson for 24. Six for 148; Trumper 67. Kelly succeeded and got four. Trumper added a single, and was bowled by Richardson for an excellently compiled 68, which included a 5 and eight fours. Trumper was at the wickets for an hour and three-quarters, and was loudly cheered on returning to the pavilion. Seven for 153. The vacancy was filled by Laver, and with the addition of 15 Kelly was bowled by Richardson for 13. Eight for 171. Howell partnered Laver, and the score was augmented by 23, when Lockwood bowled Howell for 15. Nine for 194. Laver was not out 16. Iredale being indisposed was unable to bat, and the innings closed for 194. Surrey therefore won by 104 runs.

T. Richardson was the most effective trundler after luncheon, and got four wickets for 49. Brockwell, who did the greatest execution with the ball before the adjournment, secured three for 47. Lockwood, who bowled with much success in the first innings, took two for 74. Lees had 21 hit off him without getting a wicket. Knox, who dismissed three men on the second day, was not tried.

This is the Australians' second defeat.

The following are the scores:—

SURREY.—First Innings.

Abel, b Trumble	16
Brockwell, c Worrall, b M'Leod	22
Miller, b Trumble	10
Knox, not out	11
H. Richardson, b Trumble	0
Lockwood, c Kelly, b M'Leod	0
Hayes, b Trumble	7
Key, b Trumble	0
Lees, b Trumble	20
Wood, c Gregory, b Trumble	0
T. Richardson, c Laver, b Trumble	15
Sundries	8
Total	112

Bowling.—Trumble, 8 wickets for 35; M'Leod, 2 for 26.

AUSTRALIANS.—First Innings.

Noble, b Lockwood	0
Worrall, b Lees	25
Trumper, b Lockwood	11
Gregory, b Knox	28
Iredale, b Lockwood	0
Darling, c and b Knox	36
Trumble, b Brockwell	22
Kelly, lbw, b Knox	2
Laver, b Lockwood	19
M'Leod, not out	3
Howell, b Lockwood	2
Sundries	17
Total	165

Bowling.—Lockwood, 5 for 53; Knox, 3 for 28; Lees, 1 for 31; Brockwell, 1 for 13; T. Richardson, 0 for 12; Hayes, 0 for 11.

SURREY.—Second Innings.

Abel, b Trumble	56
Brockwell, b Trumble	21
Miller, lbw, b Noble	4
Knox, b Howell	12
Hayes, st Kelly, b Noble	131
Lockwood, c Gregory, b Trumble	1
H. Richardson, c and b Trumble	0
Key, c Laver, b Trumble	22
Lees, b Howell	19
Wood, not out	21
T. Richardson, c Trumper, b Laver	9
Sundries	22
Total	351

Bowling.—Trumble, 5 for 137; Howell, 2 for 55; Noble, 2 for 68; Laver, 1 for 14; M'Leod, 0 for 55.

AUSTRALIANS.—Second Innings.

M'Leod, b Brockwell	8
Trumble, b Brockwell	23
Noble, c Wood, b Lockwood	1
Worrall, c Hayes, b Brockwell	8
Darling, c Wood, b Richardson	24
Trumper, b Richardson	68
Gregory, c Hayes, b T. Richardson	15
Kelly, b T. Richardson	13
Laver, not out	16
Howell, b Lockwood	15
Iredale, absent	0
Sundries	3
Total	194

Bowling: T. Richardson, 4 for 49; Brockwell, 3 for 47; Lockwood, 2 for 74; Lees, 0 for 21.

When Surrey entered upon their second innings the Australians had an advantage of 53. As the wicket improved that margin was not a great one, and as it remained good to the close of the final innings it may be said that the side which played the better cricket won. It was unfortunate that Iredale turned out to be a passenger, while Jones, whose fast bowling may have been of great service to his side, was excluded. After his 115 against Grace's Eleven in the previous match it was generally thought, or at any rate hoped, that Iredale would follow up with big scores as he did in 1896. A big compilation to keep Trumper's 68 company might have turned defeat into victory. However, Surrey's batting and bowling were too good for the Australians on this occasion, and to a certain extent the humility of the ten wickets defeat in the third match of the tour has been avenged. There was a chance of the game being saved when Darling and Trumper were together, and again when the latter and Gregory became associated, but on the three going all hope departed with them. The leading man in the Australian batsmen was Trumper, who, with such bowlers as Lockwood, Brockwell, and Richardson opposed to him, must have played a grand innings. Richardson, it will be observed, secured 4 for 49, and here we have another reason for supposing that Jones would have been successful. Noble very narrowly escaped being debited with a pair of spectacles, and so did Lockwood with 0 and 1 each. H. Richardson gained a pair, and, moreover, on each occasion he fell a victim to Trumble. The race for the hundred wickets has been won by Trumble, who, in this one contest, jumped from 90 wickets to 103. His eight for 35 shows how good he is when he strikes a patch on a wicket from which assistance may be obtained, but in the second venture his five victims were rather expensive, and altogether he comes out of the ordeal with a trifle worse average. Trumper requires but 21 runs to reach his thousand. The 1899 team has now been defeated twice, the former occasion being by Essex by 126 runs. The 1896 combination suffered six, viz., M.C.C. by an innings and 18 runs, Midland Counties by four wickets, England by six wickets, Earl de la Warr's team by four wickets, England by 66 runs, and C. I. Thornton's Eleven by an innings and 38 runs.

The following are the averages up to date. Trumper has now gone up to fourth place, and Darling has fallen back to fifth. In the match against Oxford University Past and Present the following bowling results were not cabled:—Jones, none for 14; Trumble, none for 28; Howell, none for 40; Laver, none for 39.

BATTING.

	Innings.	N.O.	H.S.	Total.	Avg.
Noble	34	6	156	1238	44·21
Hill	19	0	160	808	42·52
Worrall	23	4	104	724	38·10
Trumper	31	1	135*	979	32·63
Darling	37	6	134*	1036	32·37
Gregory	34	5	124	857	29·55
Laver	27	8	79	528	27·78
Trumble	34	8	100	688	26·46
Iredale	23	1	115	569	25·86
Kelly	26	2	89	511	21·29
Jones	23	3	55	370	18·5
Howell	27	7	45*	230	11·5
M'Leod	21	5	—	215	11·31
Johns	6	1	12	22	4·4

* Not out.

BOWLING.

	Runs.	Wickets.	Average.
Trumble	1584	108	14·67
Noble	1176	65	18·09
Howell	1562	80	19·52
Laver	374	19	19·68
Jones	1539	77	19·98
M'Leod	860	41	20·97

Worrall has secured one for 74, Trumper none for 14, and Gregory none for 6.

THE CENTURIES.

The following are the individual hundreds scored for and against the Australians:—

AUSTRALIANS.

124—Gregory, v. South of England.
102—Gregory, v. Cambridge University.
116*—Noble, v. South of England.
100*—Noble, v. Oxford University.
156—Noble, v. Derbyshire.
106*—Darling, v. Oxford University.
134*—Darling, v. Derbyshire.
132—Hill, v. M.C.C. and Ground.
160—Hill, v. Cambridge University.
135—Hill, v. England.
104—Worrall, v. Yorkshire.
100*—Worrall, v. Leicestershire.
135*—Trumper, v. England.
104—Trumper, v. Gloucester.
100—Trumble, v. Derbyshire.
115—Iredale, v. W. G. Grace's Eleven.

ENGLISHMEN.

The present team has already had eight, viz.:—

120—Champain, for Oxford University.
138—Moon, for Cambridge University.
110—Taylor, for Cambridge University.
168—Brown, sen., for Yorkshire.
130—Hayward, for England, fourth test.
168—A. Hearne, for W. G. Grace's Eleven.
125—L. C. Braund, for W. G. Grace's Eleven.
131—Hayes, for Surrey.

*Not out.

RESULTS OF THE TOUR.

May 8, Crystal Palace, v. South of England.—Drawn. South of England, 246 and 222; Australia, 375, and 7 for one wicket.

May 11, Leyton, v. Essex.—Lost by 126 runs. Essex, 199 and 144; Australia, 144 and 73.

May 15, Kennington Oval, v. Surrey.—Won by an innings and 71 runs. Surrey, 114 and 64; Australia, 249.

May 18, Eastbourne, v. Eleven of England.—Won by 171 runs. Australia, 222 and eight for 227; Eleven of England, 171 and 107.

May 22, Sheffield, v. Yorkshire.—Abandoned through rain. Yorkshire, 83 for three wickets.

May 25, Manchester, v. Lancashire.—Won in an innings and 84 runs. Australia, 267; Lancashire, 102 and 81.

May 29, Oxford, v. Oxford University.—Drawn. Australia, 303, and four for 350; Oxford, 341.

June 1, Nottingham, England v. Australia.—Drawn. Australia, 252 and eight wickets for 230; England, 193 and seven for 155.

June 5, Lords, v. M.C.C. and Ground.—Won by eight wickets and 2 runs. M.C.C. and Ground, 245 and 230; Australia, 352 and 125 for two wickets.

June 8, Cambridge, v. Cambridge University.—Won by 10 wickets and 1 run. Cambridge, 436 and 122; Australia, 436 and 123 with no wicket down.

June 12, Bradford, v. Yorkshire.—Drawn. Australia, 141 and 415; Yorkshire, 235 and nine for 278.

June 15, Lords, v. England.—Won by 10 wickets and 3 runs. England, 206 and 240; Australia, 421 and none for 28.

June 19, Portsmouth, v. Oxford University Past and Present. Won by 10 wickets and 2 runs—University, 251 and 135; Australians, 373 for eight wickets, innings declared closed, and 15 for no wickets.

June 23, Leicester, v. Leicestershire.—Won by 248 runs. Australia, 194, and 177 for three wickets (innings declared closed); Leicestershire, 95 and 28.

June 26, Derby, v. Derbyshire.—Won by an innings and 261 runs. Derbyshire, 123 and 171. Australia, 555 (Noble 156, Darling 134 not out, Trumble 100).

June 29, Leeds, v. England.—Abandoned through rain. Australia, 172 and 224; England, 220 and none for 19.

July 3, Nottingham, v. Notts.—Drawn. Notts, 188 and six for 132 (innings declared closed); Australia, seven for 234 (innings declared closed); and six for 38.

July 7, Truro, v. an English Eleven. Won by eight wickets and 4 runs. Australia, 214 and two for 69; English Eleven, 87 and 192.

July 10, Birmingham, v. Midland Counties. Won by 44 runs. Australia, 192 and 234; Midland Counties, 185 and 197.

July 13, Bristol, v. Gloucestershire. Won by six wickets. Australia, 377 and four for 28; Gloucestershire, 240 and 164.

July 17, Manchester, v. England. Drawn. Australia, 196 and seven for 346 (innings declared closed); England, 372 and three for 94.

July 20, Crystal Palace, v. Grace's Eleven. Drawn. Grace's Eleven, 431; Australia, 301 and three for 113.

July 24, Kennington Oval, v. Surrey. Lost by 104 runs. Surrey, 112 and 351; Australia, 165 and 194.

Won	12
Lost	2
Drawn	9
Matches played	23

LATE COUNTRY NEWS.

LIVERPOOL, Thursday.

At the last meeting of the above association, Mr. Broughton presiding, a letter was received from the Railway Commissioners intimating that they had carried out the association's request relative to the filling in of the unused well on the bank of the river adjacent to the railway line. The Liverpool Council wrote that it could not see its way clear at present to establish swimming baths. It was willing to cooperate in the opening of the proposed road through Orange Grove Estate provided the association raised £10 to supplement the £100 grant promised by the Government. The secretary was instructed to write to Mr. Bull, the owner of the land through which the proposed road would pass, asking him if he would accept less than the price previously stipulated for his land. In the matter of the swimming baths, a committee was appointed to consider the question. The chairman stated that Mr. Parkes, M.L.A., had promised to use his best endeavours to cause provision to be made in the Estimates for subsidising certain roads at Moorbank. It was decided that the secretary write to the Commissioner for Roads drawing attention to the bad state of the Illawarra-road for about two miles from Liverpool. Mr. Cole stated that owing to a letter sent to the Commissioner for Roads by the association a special grant of £25 had been authorised for expenditure in effecting repairs to culverts on the Cowpasture-road, on condition that the local council contributed a similar sum, but he understood that body had declined to accept the condition. It was decided to write to the Commissioner for Roads pointing out the council's decision in the matter and the absolute necessity for the road being placed in repair.

MORPETH, Thursday.

This morning the Railway Commissioners, accompanied by the Chief Traffic Manager, the Outdoor Superintendent, the District Superintendent, the Engineer for Existing Lines, and other officials, arrived by a special train. No notice was given of their arrival. The Commissioners and party visited Northumberland-street and Queen's-crossing (which is now a stopping-place), in view of having a proper platform erected. The Commissioners afterwards inspected the loading dock, where it has been suggested by the council that alterations should be made similar to the dock at East Maitland. The Commissioners' decision was not made public.

LATE SHIPPING.

ARRIVAL.—July 28.

Allinga, s., 2500 tons, Captain D. P. Davies, from Melbourne. Passengers—Messrs. H. Walters, L. Duval, J. M. Wagstaff, H. Jones, F. W. Stacey, H. Leith, R. Leith, D. M'Kern, A. Jones, F. Williams, J. Creer, F. Begg, A. Young, F. Clark, C. Gray, D. Cullen, H. Moore, J. Johnston, Miss M. G. Kelly, Miss Bosse, Miss M. Pollock, Miss H. M'Laren, Miss H. Jones, Miss F. Williams, Miss E. Williams, Miss K. Webb, Miss E. Webb, Miss H. Webb, Miss F. Randell, Mrs. Berry, Mrs. R. Moore, Mrs. J. Highland, Mrs. Brewer, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Gray and child, Mrs. Jones and 2 children, Mrs. Cullen and infant, Mrs. Dunstall and child, Mrs. Brewster, Mrs. Clark and child, Mrs. Young and infant, Mrs. Johnson, and 31 in the steerage.

Buninyong, s., 2000 tons, Captain L. A. Leslie, from Brisbane. Wm. Howard Smith and Sons, agents.

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FEDERATION.

THE REFERENDUM IN VICTORIA.

A SPLENDID DEMONSTRATION.

FOR THE BILL—145,014.

AGAINST—9,605.

UNBOUNDED ENTHUSIASM.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The referendum to-day on the Commonwealth Bill once again emphasised in an unmistakable fashion the fact that federation is almost the unanimous wish of the people of Victoria. The absence of any opposition to the acceptance of the Commonwealth Bill induced many visitors to Melbourne to form the opinion that the people were apathetic, and that as a consequence the vote to-day would be remarkable for its smallness, but the earnest efforts made during the past fortnight to arouse public enthusiasm were entirely successful, and the result was a splendid demonstration in favour of federation. It was impressed upon the electors that in laying one of the corner stones of the Australian nation the electors of Victoria would need to do their work well and aim at a whole-hearted committal of the colony to the new partnership of the Australian States. The electors responded to this appeal in the most pronounced manner. The voting was carried on quietly but steadily throughout the day, and with an entire absence of fuss or excitement. In the evening, however, there was no lack of enthusiasm. The polling booths closed at 7 o'clock, and within half an hour large crowds began to assemble in front of the newspaper offices to watch the posting of the returns. The numbers rapidly swelled, until there were something like 20,000 persons congregated. The work of preparing and posting the returns was carried out with great expedition, and from first to last each fresh batch of figures was received with prolonged outbursts of enthusiastic cheering. By half-past 8 the board showed 56,000 votes for the bill, and 3000 against. Half an hour later the numbers had jumped to 115,000 for and 7500 against. At half-past 9 the record was 122,000 for and 8000 against, and at 11 o'clock these figures were carried on to 140,091 in favour of the bill, and 9114 against.

LATEST RETURNS.

YES	145,014
NO	9,605

No more returns are available to-night.

In not one single electorate does the voting show strong opposition to the bill, while in one or two cases not a single dissentient vote was recorded. In the principal electorates the voting was as follows:—

	Yes.	No.
Albert Park	1686	96
Brighton	1923	50
Carlton	1879	168
Carlton South	1185	104
Collingwood	2689	375
East Bourke Boroughs	4755	412
Eastern Suburbs	2775	123
Emerald Hill	1401	156
Essendon and Flemington	3592	212
Fitzroy	3488	238
Footscray	2018	231
Hawthorn	2848	124
Jolimont	1461	80
Melbourne	2749	126
Melbourne, East	4156	176
Melbourne, North	1769	235
Melbourne, South	1635	182
Melbourne, West	1454	313
Port Melbourne	1539	166
Prahran	2203	91
Richmond	3372	315
St. Kilda	2550	66
South Yarra	1783	106
Toorak	2721	86
Williamstown	1759	254
Yea	1916	105
Ararat	1349	86
Ballarat East	1829	81
Ballarat West	3625	84
Benalla	1572	95
Beechworth	1579	44
East Bourke	1097	47
Castlemaine	2232	100
Creswick	987	60
Donald and Swan Hill	2383	74
Eaglehawk	1299	22
Geelong	3142	184
Buninyong	2181	96
Sale	1433	227
Maldon	1227	40
Sandhurst	3477	68

The foregoing figures give a general idea of the voting throughout the length and breadth of the colony. In every electorate the opponents of the bill were swamped by the votes cast in its favour, and the measure was stamped with popular approval.

The Premier, Sir G. Turner, expresses himself highly gratified with the result of the federal referendum, for his most sanguine expectations have been more than realised. The smallness of the minority was striking, and was a convincing argument that the work of the Premiers' Conference was not in vain. Parliament will now be asked to pass an address to the Queen praying for legislative sanction to the measure in the form of an Imperial Act. He could not at present say when he would bring up the address in the House, but he proposed to communicate with Mr. Reid and the other Premiers to-morrow in regard to the question. "As to the introduction of an enabling bill in the Imperial Parliament," said Sir G. Turner, "that will not be done during the present session, which closes next month, and as the result of certain communications which had passed between the Government and the Secretary of State for the Colonies and the Agent-General we have been promised that a measure will be tabled in the House of Commons at the beginning of next session in February. Then if the bill passes that month we shall have a special session of Parliament here in March or April following for the purpose of passing the necessary legislative machinery for the division of the colony into the House of Representatives' electorates and for holding elections. The one electoral bill will suffice."

The Premier cabled to-night to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, through the Governor, as follows:—"Victoria enthusiastically affirmed the Amended Federal Constitution by an overwhelming majority. The affirmative vote at present is 134,000, and the negative vote 8500. Complete returns will increase the majority."

The great success of the federal referendum was made the occasion of the interchange of congratulations between the leading men of Victoria and the other colonies.

The Premier on being spoken to at an early hour last evening relative to the voting in Victoria (which then showed a great majority in favour of the adoption of the bill), said that he had been kept posted in the progress of the scrutiny by Sir George Turner, and he had been somewhat surprised at the magnitude of the majority in favour of the constitution. He knew that the majority would be a large one, but he had not expected that it would have proved quite so large as the returns showed. Was he gratified with the result? Was it necessary to ask such a question? Of course he was highly pleased.

At a late hour last evening the Premier sent congratulatory messages to the Premiers of Victoria and Tasmania on the result of the referendum taken in their respective colonies. The message despatched to Sir George Turner was in these terms:—"I cordially congratulate you and the Victorian people upon the magnificent result of the vote of to-day. At such a time it is impossible to forget the signal services you have rendered to the national cause."

The message despatched to Sir Edwin Braddon by Mr. Reid was as follows:—"I heartily congratulate you upon the great success of the referendum in Tasmania."

It was also ascertained from Mr. Edmund Barton that he had been kept well informed as to the progress of the scrutiny by both the Premier of Victoria and Dr. C. Carty Salmon, an ex-president of the A.N.A. of Victoria. In one of these communications, which showed that a very large majority of votes had been cast by the people of Victoria in favour of the Constitution Bill, Dr. Salmon greeted Mr. Barton with the phrase, "Those about to live salute you." On being asked what he thought of the result, Mr. Barton said that he was gratified with it, and it quite came up to his anticipations. It was another proof of the loyalty of Victoria to the cause which she had always stuck to. There was no necessity to "help" or "assist" Victoria in any way. That colony knew its duty, and it had done it.

THE REFERENDUM IN TASMANIA.

OVERWHELMING MAJORITY FOR THE BILL.

THE PREMIER'S MESSAGE TO THE PEOPLE.

HOBART, Thursday.

The referendum on the Commonwealth Bill was taken throughout the colony to-day and resulted in an overwhelming majority in favour of the bill. The polling, however, was not nearly so heavy as the Federal League anticipated.

The voting in Hobart gave a large majority for the bill. The result of the polling for the whole colony showed a majority of 11,250. The result of the voting in Hobart was as follows:—

YES	1744
NO	259

At 10.30 p.m. the following were the returns received from the country districts:—

YES	8,462
NO	433
Majority	8,029

The returns for the whole colony were:—

YES	12,000
NO	750
Majority	11,250

The number of electors on the rolls in the country districts is 13,354. In June last year 10,719 voted in the affirmative and 2532 in the negative, the majority for "yes" being 8187. From present indications the totals of the polling to-day are unlikely to reach these figures.

No further figures are obtainable to-night.

Sir Edward Braddon has addressed the following message to the people of the colony:—"To-day Tasmania by a 15 to 1 vote has declared in favour of nationhood, and I offer my most cordial congratulations to one and all who have thus carried to a splendid triumph the people's cause."

LAUNCESTON, Thursday.

There was considerable enthusiasm here to-day in regard to the federal plebiscite, and willing workers rallied round the executive of the Federal League with the view of effective work in getting electors to go to the poll. The result as far as Launceston is concerned is complete, and is a magnificent majority in favour of the Commonwealth Bill. The count here showed:—

YES	1795
NO	48

Last year the figures were—1660 and 117.

VICTORIA.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

As the reward of £1000 offered by the Mines Department for a cheap and efficient system of ventilating mines did not, in the opinion of the board which met and inquired into the methods submitted, bring forth any satisfactory scheme, it is now proposed that further tests be made by the department in some mine where the air is bad.

Mr. J. M. Reed, surveyor in the Melbourne district, has been nominated by the Public Service Board to the position of Surveyor-General, rendered vacant by the death of Mr. S. K. Vickery. The office carries a salary ranging from £600 to £700 per annum.

At the annual meeting of the governors of the Melbourne Hospital to-day the report of the committee of management showed a deficit for the past year of £2878, and that the deficit was likely to be repeated until the Government grant was made equal to the amount of former years. The grant has been reduced from £15,000 to £13,000.

By the Denton Grange, which sailed to-day for London, the Agricultural Department shipped 15,000 crates of rabbits. The crates contained 360,000 rabbits.

The winter in the Bright district is unusually severe. The thermometer readings at daylight range from 14° to 10° below freezing point.

At a large and representative meeting of members of the medical profession it was resolved that a Victorian association for the prevention and cure of tuberculosis should be formed.

A fire broke out early this morning in a four-storied building in Collins-street West occupied by Henry Berry, grocer and drysalter, and Peacock Brothers, printers, stationers, &c. The fire brigade was promptly in attendance, and in a couple of hours had the fire extinguished. Messrs. Peacocks' machinery, plant, and stock were damaged by water to the extent of £200. Beyond this the damage was trifling.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

DREDGING AND HYDRAULIC SLUICING.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

Mr. R. M'Minn, who was twice Government Resident in the Northern Territory, is on a visit to Adelaide for the purpose of acquiring land in the Northern Territory for dredging and hydraulic sluicing for gold. Mr. M'Minn has been studying the system in Victoria, and is confident of success. The Government is preparing a bill to give effect to this and similar applications.

FUNERAL OF MR. OSCAR GIRARD.

The funeral of the late Mr. Oscar Girard took place to-day, and was most impressive. The coffin was draped with the stars and stripes. Mr. Murphy, the American Consul, attended the funeral. A number of wreaths received from different theatrical companies now touring in the colonies testified to the respect for the deceased comedian. Wreaths were sent from the "Belle of New York" Company, Mr. Harry Conor and his company, and Messrs. Williamson and Musgrove.

At the meeting of the Marine Board to-day the finding in connection with the Kolya-Time collision was arrived at. It states that the masthead light on the Time failed to fulfil the conditions imposed by the rules for the prevention of collisions, as coal derricks were raised right in front of the light at Wallaroo and were not afterwards lowered. The board, however, found that the officers of the Kolya were not wholly exempt from blame, as they failed to keep a sufficiently sharp lookout for the incoming steamer. Had this been done, in the board's opinion, the Time's masthead light might have been seen at some period previous to the accident.

TASMANIA.

HOBART, Thursday.

A new Electoral Bill has been prepared for the consideration of the Tasmanian Parliament. It provides that the Governor may appoint a commission of three to divide the colony into electoral districts; the Legislative Council to be reduced to 16 members, and the House of Assembly to 32. The total population of the colony is to be divided by the number of members of each House, and the quotient thus obtained to be the quota per member of each House respectively. The Commissioners are, as far as practicable, to assign to each district as many members as there are quotas of population in such district, the proclamation of districts not to come into effect until a suggested period of six months after the first election of Tasmanian members of the Federal Parliament.

Leslie John Blair, son of Sergeant R. Blair, was killed to-day while cycling down hill in Abbott-street.

LATE MINING.

GYMPIE, Thursday.

Mr. Thomas Smith reports:—The South Glanmire and Monkland has crushed 792 tons of stone for 737oz. gold in a cake. Great Eastern No. 2 South crushed 575 tons for 3765oz. amalgam. It is probable that a dividend of 2s will be declared.

Sales:—Columbia No. 2 North, 4s 6½d, 4s 6d; Great New Zealand, 1s 2d; South Glanmire and Monkland, 16s 11d; Great Eastern, 3s, 2s 10d; Great Eastern No. 1 North, 1s 8d; Home Rule and Hilton, contributing, 4½d, 4d; New Zealand Prospectors Tribute, 8d; Nicholl's Lease Tribute, 1s 3d, 1s 2½d; Oriental No. 2 North, 5s 10½d; Oriental No. 3 North, 1s 1d; Oriental Extended, paid, 3s 11d; East Oriental, contributing, 1s 10d; Oriental Consols, contributing, 5½d; Golden Pile, 8s 8d; Phoenix Eastern Tribute, 5s 10d; Smithfield No. 3 North, 4s 3d; Smithfield United Tribute, 6d, 5½d; Eastern Smithfield Tribute, 5½d; Victory No. 2 North, 1s 1½d; Victory No. 3 North, paid, 4½d.

Quotations: Great Eastern No. 2 South, seller 66s, buyer 58s; Oriental No. 1 North, seller 15s 6d, buyer 15s 3d; Phoenix No. 3 North, seller 15s 9d, buyer 15s 1d.

KALGOORLIE, Thursday.

There was good inquiry for Brown Hill Junction shares to-day on reports of a good strike having been made in boring diagonally west from the shaft at the 300ft. level.

The crosscuts west from the shaft at the 300 and 400 ft. levels of the Kalgurli Gold Mines have penetrated the western lode, the width of which has been proved to be 10ft. in both levels. The ore broken out is heavily impregnated with sulphides and shows occasional splashes of telluride. It is understood that the body is high grade, but its bulk value will not be available officially till to-morrow.

In driving south at the 200ft. level on the six-acre block of the Central and West Boulder rich sulpho-telluride ore has been encountered. Most of the stone stripped shows a wealth of telluride and free gold, and should give phenomenal assays. A bulk test of some ore carrying only slight traces of telluride gave results of from 3oz. to 43oz. per ton. The full extent and value of the development will take a few days to determine, but the quantity and quality of the ore left in the face is sufficient to warrant the assumption that the find is a most important one.

The crosscut at the 500ft. level of the Ivanhoe Gold Corporation is being carried in with block drills as speedily as possible, but the lode has not yet been tapped. As a change of country has appeared in the face it may be intersected any time.

A belt of what appears to be decomposed country rock showing traces of gold has been entered in crosscutting from the shaft at the 300ft. level of the Ironsides North.

Rich sulphide ore is still being broken and bagged from the lode driving south at the 200ft. level of the south block of Hannan's Oroya, the lode continues to head south-west; but lode stuff is showing in the wall met with on the east side of the drive, which is responsible for the course of the vein.

The eastern lode at the 500ft. level of Brookman's Boulder continues to open up satisfactorily, good payable sulphide ore being broken out of the face for the full width of both drives. The eastern crosscut at the same level has been carried in about 190ft. from the shaft, the average width of country traversed during the fortnight being nearly 40ft.

THE NEW STEAMER FOR MANLY.

It has been decided by the board of directors of the Port Jackson Company that the building of their new steamer shall be given to Mort's Dock Company. "The whole of the work is to be done in Balmain," said an official yesterday. "It is, perhaps, our first effort at federation, and at all events our new ship will be entirely from Mort's, and will be the largest and most expensive vessel that has been built there." "Why not follow some precedents and go to the old country?" was asked. "Oh that I think was thoroughly considered, and when you come to add the cost of sending home superintending officers and the cost of bringing out the vessel the work can be as cheaply done here under our own engineer's supervision." The new steamer is to carry between 1200 and 1400 passengers, and is to have a guaranteed speed of 16 knots. A description of the boat as supplied by Mr. Walter Reeks, the naval architect, was published some time ago.

NEWCASTLE.

VISIT OF ENGLISH FOOTBALLERS.

MATCH AGAINST THE NORTHERN DISTRICT.

VICTORY FOR THE VISITORS BY TWENTY-EIGHT TO NIL.

NEWCASTLE, Thursday.

The match between the English team of footballers and a representative team selected by the northern branch of the Rugby Football Union attracted a gathering of fully 5000 persons at the Union football grounds this afternoon, and intense interest was manifested during the progress of the game. The weather was delightful, and there was practically no wind, the conditions equally favouring both sides. During the first half of the game the Northerners played remarkably well, but in the second half they seemed to lose heart, missing several easy chances, and the visitors secured a victory by 28 points to nil. The Englishmen were captained by Stout and the local team by Cobb. Mr. W. S. Corr, of Parramatta, refereed. A regrettable incident occurred towards the end of the match when the captain of the Northerners was ordered by the referee to leave the field for having committed a breach of the rules by kicking in a scrum. The decision was not favourably received, and unfortunately a large number of spectators expressed their dissatisfaction by hooting the umpire.

The competing teams were composed of the following players:—

England.—C. E. R. Thompson, full-back; E. Gwyn-Nicholls, A. B. Timms, A. M. Bucher, and E. Martelli, three-quarters; G. Cookson and C. Adamson, half-backs; F. M. Stout, H. G. S. Gray, J. W. Jarman, A. Ayre Smith, G. V. Evers, F. C. Belson, B. J. Swannell, and G. R. Gibson, forwards.

Northern District.—W. Cobb, full-back; F. White, R. O'Halloran, and H. Gallagher, three-quarters; H. Lott and C. Colgan, five-eighths; F. Caddy, half-back; J. M'Lean, R. Derkenne, R. Moore, P. Walsh, M. Ross, W. Price, W. Matthews, and H. Baber, forwards.

The home players won the toss, and elected to play from the northern end of the ground. Stout kicked off, and play for some time was kept in the centre of the field. A series of splendid rushes ensued, and a free kick was given against England. Cobb sent the ball down to Martelli, who kicked out half-way. After some speculative play there was an interchange of kicks between Nicholls, Cobb, and Timms, and a free was given against England. This had the effect of relieving the pressure of the Northerners, who up to this stage had been closely pressed by the Englishmen. Cobb kicked, and the ball was returned by Bucher. Cobb returned and kicked to Timms, who mulled, and a free was given against the local team. Adamson kicked into touch. Some passing was now shown by the Englishmen. Adamson sent to Cookson to Nicholls to Bucher, but the ball was forced out. The local men now played brilliantly, and several good attempts to score were only narrowly missed. A penalty was given against the Northerners for "knocking on," and Adamson kicked for goal, and failed. A splendid passing rush by the Northerners brought the ball into the Englishmen's 25 amid the applause of the spectators. From a kick across the grounds by Colgan, of the Northerners, Bucher picked up and, after a good dodging run, succeeded in scoring. Adamson converted. Five to nil in favour of the Englishmen. Moore kicked off, Adamson returned, and the half-time shortly afterwards sounded.

Upon the resumption of the match Moore kicked off and Martelli returned along the line. Colgan dribbled, picked up, and passed on to Gallagher, but nothing eventuated. Cobb picked up, and dodging his opponents cleverly, kicked the ball out of bounds. After a passing rush Gibson obtained and scored. The kick for goal was entrusted to Adamson, who added the extra points. 10 to nil. A few minutes later Nicholls took a pass and scored a try, Adamson again adding the extra points, amid great applause. 15 to nil. Matthews again kicked off, and much scrum work followed. Cobb, the captain of the local team, when downed in a scrum, is alleged to have kicked, for which he was ordered by the referee to leave the field. For some time play was fairly even in the centre of the field neither side gaining any advantage. Eventually Bucher scored a try after a brilliant passing rush, and Adamson sustained his reputation by adding the additional points. 20 to nil. After another rush Timms secured and scored, Adamson taking the kick at goal with the usual result. 25 to nil. Another series of scrums took place on the Northerners' goal line, with the result that Adamson secured from the scrimmage, and rushing in at the corner succeeded in scoring a try. 28 to nil. The kick at goal, which was an extremely difficult one on account of the angle, was taken by Adamson, who failed. Soon afterwards time was sounded, and as the players returned to the pavilion they were enthusiastically cheered.

The visitors during their two days' stay in the city have been entertained in a variety of ways by the officers and members of the local union. This morning a pleasant harbour excursion took place. The Government steamer Minerva was placed at the disposal of the union, and a company of about 20 accepted invitations. A visit was first paid to the scene of the numerous wrecks on the fatal Oyster Bank, after which the method of loading coal at the Dyke was witnessed with apparent interest. This evening several of the Englishmen were present at a ball given in the Lyceum Hall by the Crusaders' Bicycle Club. There was a large and representative gathering, and the arrangements were satisfactorily carried out by Mr. J. Garrick.

To-day was proclaimed by the Government as a public holiday throughout the district in honour of the visit of the Englishmen, and the holiday was closely observed. Nine of the visitors returned to Sydney by this evening's mail train, and the remainder will leave by the Northern express to-morrow morning.

NEWCASTLE AND COUNTY BUILDING COMPANY.

The thirteenth annual meeting of shareholders in the Newcastle and County Mutual Building, Land, and Investment Company, Limited, was held in the Hall of Commerce to-night. Mr. Archibald Gardiner, chairman of the board of directors, presided.

The report of the board of directors stated:—"The sanction of the Court has been obtained to the special resolution of the company reducing the nominal capital of the company to £40,000, and the resolution has been registered accordingly. In terms of the resolution, the sum of £2500 14s 6d paid on shares forfeited was cancelled as capital, and the directors have appropriated the same to a special reserve fund. During the year the properties known as Mayfield East and Waratah subdivisions have been brought under the provisions of the Real Property Act. A good measure of new business has been done during the year, the loans granted amounting to above £5000. The directors note with pleasure an increase in the revenue-producing powers of the company's properties, and a careful re-valuation of the company's assets has been made, all reasonable depreciation being amply provided for. The year's work has been fairly remunerative, and the board congratulates the members upon the much improved condition of the company." The directors recommended the payment of a dividend of 2½ per cent. to the shareholders, which will absorb £840 11s 6d.

The report and balance-sheet were unanimously adopted.

NORTHUMBERLAND PERMANENT BUILDING SOCIETY.

The twenty-third annual meeting of shareholders in the Northumberland Permanent Building, Investment, Land, and Loan Society was held at the offices of the company, Hunter-street, to-night. The chairman of the board, Mr. Thomas Abel, presided, and there was a good attendance.

The report of the board of management referred as follows to the transactions of the past year:—"Comparing the present and last year's balance-sheets, it will be observed that the liabilities of the society have been reduced by £5196 4s 6d, as against a reduction in the assets of £3334 7s 7d, thus showing a satisfactory balance in favour of the society of £2861 16s 11d, which is all the more gratifying when it is understood that the interest added to investing shares has been increased to 4½ per cent. It will also be observed that the working expenses of the society show a substantial reduction, without, we trust, being in any way detrimental to the efficient management of the institution."

The report and balance-sheet were adopted. Messrs. J. H. Gamack and W. Arnold were re-elected directors and Mr. J. W. Greaves was re-elected an auditor.

THE REV. C. H. YATMAN'S MISSION.

The concluding meetings in connection with the Rev. C. H. Yatman's mission at this centre were commenced to-day. There was a large congregation at the Victoria Theatre to-night, when Mr. Yatman re-delivered his powerful discourse on the subject of "The Unpardonable Sin." The interest which was evinced in the mission at its commencement has been intensified and large gatherings assemble at every meeting. Mr. Yatman proposes to conduct three services on Saturday, and no less than six on Sunday next. A special address to women only was given in the Hunter-street Presbyterian Church this afternoon, the theme of the preacher's remarks being "Woman and Her Special Work."

THE COAL EXPORT TRADE.

The ship Scottish Moors sailed to-day for Valparaiso with 3669 tons of Wallsend coal, and the steamer Monmouth left for Hongkong and Manila, via Sydney, with 1622 tons of Co-operative coal.

In the intercolonial trade, the steamer Bulimba cleared for Melbourne with 3200 tons; the steamer Moorabool cleared for Adelaide with 4450 tons of coal and 500 tons of coke; the steamer Burrumbeet cleared for Melbourne, via Sydney, with 2300 tons of coal and 33 tons of coke; and the barque G.M. Tucker cleared for Wellington with 631 tons of coal.

A LOCAL HOLIDAY.

To-day was proclaimed a public holiday throughout this district in honour of the visit of the English footballers, and the holiday was generally observed. The attendance at the match England v. Northern Districts totalled about 5000, and special trams were run at frequent intervals to cope with the traffic. Numerous other attractions were provided for the holiday, and several harbour and river excursions and picnicking parties were organised.

A POPULAR CAPTAIN.

Captain Hipgrave, who has been long and favourably known in the intercolonial trade as master of the steamship Burrumbeet, was made the recipient of a handsome presentation this evening by

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the officers, engineers, and crew of that vessel, the occasion being Captain Hipgrave's transference to the command of the steamship Moorabool. The gift consisted of a valuable gold albert and locket. The chief engineer of the Burrumbeet who made the presentation referred to the respect and esteem in which Captain Hipgrave was held by his late officers and men, and expressed regret at the severance of the relations which had existed for so long a time. Captain Hipgrave responded in a brief speech.

The residents of Hamilton have decided to entertain Dr. William Clarke prior to his departure for Europe at an early date.

The half-yearly report of the committee of the Hamilton Mechanics' Institute states that the debt on the building has been reduced to £417.

INSTITUTE OF BANKERS.

A lecture was given last evening by Mr. J. T. Ralston, solicitor, in the lecture-room of the Institute of Bankers, Equitable-building, on "Some Questions Arising under the Statutes of Limitations." There was a representative attendance of members of the institute, and Mr. W. Reid (secretary of the A.J.S. Bank) occupied the chair.

Mr. Ralston opened by saying that there was no such thing as a comprehensive statute of limitations, but there were a great number of Acts in force, extending from the time of James I., and they touched every class of right, civil and criminal, overriding much of the earlier law. The right to make an entry on land or sue for the recovery of the land must be made within 20 years, and if not made the right of the owner who has been out of possession is extinguished, and a new title vests in the person who has held the continuous possession adversely for 20 years, but a succession of independent trespassers for a period of over 20 years gives none of them any title. The possession of the intruder being ineffectual for the purposes of transfer, title ceases upon its abandonment to be effectual for any purpose, and leaves no secret process at work for the probable benefit in time to come of some casual interloper or lucky vagrant. This was one of the few points on which Sir James Martin's ruling was upset by the Privy Council. The statutes of limitation do not apply to land under the Real Property Act. He then touched on the question of mortgagees, showing that mortgagees who had been in possession for 20 years had a good title as against mortgagor, who could not redeem unless there had been an acknowledgment in writing or a payment in the meantime. Regarding the question of debts on simple contracts these are barred after 6 years, but the right to them is not extinguished, as is the case with land. He showed how a debt was revived in a number of instances by acknowledgment and by part payment, and he then discoursed as to how this affected banking accounts. He showed that there was no difference, as far as the date from which the time is calculated, between a banker's account or the sale of goods to a purchaser, for immediately the money is paid over the counter the banker can sue for the recovery, and immediately a salesman delivers goods to the customer the vendor can sue the purchaser of them for the value, and the date from which the statute runs is the date from which he could first issue a writ. He concluded by giving instances of the operation of the statute in connection with other matters, such as trespass and assault, which were barred in four years; action on the case for words, two years; informations under the Justices Act, six months; ordinary municipal rates, which may be recovered at any future time, but certain rates under water and sewerage Acts are payable for a period of two years, and they may be kept alive by advertisement.

Several members present spoke in appreciative terms of the lecture, but owing to the scope of the subject criticism was reserved. Mr. Ralston was accorded a hearty vote of thanks.

HOSPITAL SATURDAY FUND.

The fifth annual report of the Hospital Saturday Fund has been issued, and, in addition to a statement of receipts and expenditure for the year ended March 31, 1899, gives particulars of the distribution as decided upon by the directors. After deducting expenses a balance is reported of £3604 4s 6d. Of this amount it has been decided to distribute the sum of £3500, carrying forward £104 4s 6d to next year. The distribution committee has made awards as follows:—Sydney Hospital, £850; Prince Alfred Hospital, £690; St. Vincent's Hospital, £410; Sydney Hospital for Sick Children, £330; Carrington Centennial Hospital for Convalescents, £185; Balmain Cottage Hospital, £175; North Shore Hospital, £140; Parramatta District Hospital, £115; Lewisham Hospital, £100; Western Suburbs Cottage Hospital, £100; Queen Victoria Home for Consumptives, £90; Marrickville Cottage Hospital, £75; St. Joseph's Hospital, £65; St. George's Cottage Hospital, £35; Manly Cottage Hospital, £35; St. Margaret's Maternity Hospital, £35; The Women's Hospital, £35; Civil Ambulance and Transport Brigade, £35. The total amount distributed to date by the fund is £18,900.

AMUSEMENTS.

HER MAJESTY'S THEATRE.

"The Belle of New York" Company, the members of which have become deservedly popular with our audiences during their stay in Australia, will make a farewell appearance at Her Majesty's Theatre to-night. The briskness and animation of the whole performance, largely due to Mr. Gerard Coventry's able stage direction, have contributed to the success of the musical comedy during the past season. The "Belle of New York" Company will leave by the Namoi towards midnight for Newcastle, with Mr. Pete Hughes as business manager, and on Saturday will give the first of three representations at that city before finally sailing for America on Wednesday next.

On Tuesday evening the pupils of Mrs. Tyter gave her a social at the Oddfellows' Hall, Woollahra, which was tastefully decorated for the occasion. About 100 couples took part in the festivities.

"H.M.S. Pinafore" was repeated by the Bexley Amateurs at the Town Hall, Rockdale, on Wednesday evening last before an overflowing house, there being present fully 600. The performance was in aid of the funds of Christ Church, Bexley, and St. David's, Arncliffe.

HENRY TAIT AND CO., LIMITED.

The second half-yearly meeting of the shareholders of Henry Tait and Co., Limited, was held at the offices of the company, 45 Elizabeth-street, yesterday. Mr. J. E. O'Brien, J.P., chairman and managing director, occupied the chair, and, in moving the adoption of the report for the half-year ending June 30 last, said the directors had again to congratulate the shareholders upon the very satisfactory returns for the past six months, and the excellent result of the first year's operations of the company. The profit and loss account showed that the net profits to June 30 last amounted to £3941 18s 4d. The directors now asked the shareholders to approve of the payment of a dividend at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum to June 30 last, an interim dividend at the same rate to March 31 last having already been paid. The dividends would absorb £1250, leaving the large sum of £2661 clear profit after payment of all working expenses, and a regular quarterly dividend to date, to be carried forward to next account. The business of the company had increased far above the expectations of the directors, and each month showed greatly improved returns. While studying the shareholders' interests the directors had endeavoured to reduce the rates of interest, so that clients of the company might obtain accommodation at reasonable terms, and would feel confident that in dealing with the company they were being fairly treated. Mr. O'Brien said he hoped to cultivate the best class of business, and to do business with customers with as little trouble and formality as possible. Several transfers of shares had been made during the half-year, all at advanced figures. The adoption of the report was carried unanimously. It was moved and seconded that in view of the very satisfactory results of the company's first year's business, and in recognition of Mr. O'Brien's valuable efforts on behalf of the company, there be presented to him as a bonus out of the general profits of the company a cheque for £100, in addition to his allowance as managing director. This was carried unanimously. A vote of thanks to the directors and officers of the company terminated the meeting.

THE MOTOR-CAR BOOM.

A MACHINE COSTING £2000.

The closing of the most fashionable rendezvous in France—the Automobile Club—has (says the Paris correspondent of the London "Daily Mail") in no way affected the enormous demand for motor-cars that is now being experienced here from all parts of the world, and which is also beginning to flow in from England.

M. Charron, who drove the other day from Paris to Bordeaux, a distance of 375 miles, in slightly more than 11 hours, or at the rate of nearly 800 miles a day, has just refused an offer from an English nobleman of £2000 for his victorious motor-car.

One almost as speedy left France some time ago for the Hon. C. S. Rolls, a son of Lord Llangattock. I am informed that Mr. Rolls paid £1200 for his car.

The Earl of Carnarvon is now having constructed here a very speedy autocar, for which he has paid considerably more than £1000. Captain Pryce-Hamilton, the coaching expert, lately finished a successful tour across France, and declares that the automobile is far more agreeable than the four-in-hand.

The Czar and other members of the Russian royal family have already purchased half a dozen of the most costly and speedy French automobiles.

No French chateau is now considered complete without a complement of motor-cars with one or more engineers in charge, and curiously enough the leader of the motor-car movement is Baron von Zuylen, whose horses and stables in Paris are probably the finest in the world.

Much interest is displayed here in the forthcoming contest between the American and French motor-cars.

The American driver has expressed the intention that, should he beat the Frenchman, which is most unlikely, he will issue a challenge to English motor-carists, though as it is understood that there are practically no motor-cars in England, it is not considered likely that such a contest will take place for some years.

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PARRAMATTA DISTRICT.

ERMINGTON AND RYDALMERE COUNCIL.

A meeting of this council was held on Wednesday evening, the Mayor (Alderman Humphreys) presiding. The Board of Health intimated that Mr. Henry Green, the council clerk, had been authorised by the board to perform the duties of inspector under the Diseased Animals and Meat Act. The Mayor and Alderman Swane were appointed delegates to the Municipal Association. The Mayor promised to write to the member for the electorate, also to the Auburn Council, urging on the matter of the bridge over the river. On the motion of Alderman Swane it was resolved to communicate with the Ryde Council, asking that body to meet the council in conference, to take steps to have a road opened from Meadowbank railway station to Ermington-road or Victoria-road, and also take into consideration the necessity for better railway facilities. A resolution in the name of Alderman Swane was carried affirming the desirability of planting ornamental trees on both sides of the road from the corner of Wharf-road to the Public school. The matter was referred to the works committee for report.

RYDE.

On Wednesday the parishioners of St. Anne's, Ryde, commemorated St. Anne's Day by the holding of special services at 9 and 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., the Revs. H. H. Britten and C. Baber being the officiating clergymen. In the evening St. Anne's Hall was the scene of a social meeting, when addresses and vocal and instrumental items were given by the Revs. H. H. Britten and C. Baber, Messrs. Parsonage, Kislingbury, and Martin, and Miss Foulcher. Mr. J. Shuttleworth presided at the organ. During the proceedings the Rev. H. H. Britten made a presentation to Miss Foulcher, on behalf of himself, the Sunday-school superintendent, and teachers, on her leaving the district, as a recognition of past services in church work. Miss Foulcher was also the recipient of several church books from the church choir. Subsequently refreshments, provided by the ladies, were served out. In the course of an address the Rev. H. H. Britten stated that the renovation of the rectory had been completed, but he regretted to say that another £20 was needed to clear the expenditure incurred. He suggested the holding of a bazaar for the purpose of raising the necessary funds, and it was resolved, on a motion by Mrs. G. E. Bulmer, seconded by Miss Pye, that a meeting of ladies be held with a view of arranging for a bazaar to be held for the purpose named.

As a debt still remains on the new schoolroom recently erected in connection with St. Charles' Roman Catholic Church, Ryde, the committee of that church held a social on Wednesday night. The hall had been artistically decorated with bunting, flowers, and evergreens. Mr. Peter Kress carried out the duties of M.C., and Messrs. Kitchener and Williams supplied violin and pianoforte music. The attendance was satisfactory, and dancing was kept up till early the following morning. At midnight a sumptuous spread was provided, a committee of ladies being assiduous in their attention to the visitors.

CENTRAL CUMBERLAND C.C.

The annual meeting of the Central Cumberland Cricket Club was held in the Parramatta School of Arts on Wednesday evening, Mr. C. J. Byrnes, J.P., presiding. The hon. secretary submitted an exhaustive report, showing that the club had had a very successful year. B. W. Farquhar headed the batting list with an average of 60·87, J. C. Wilson coming next with 39·37, and L. W. Pye third with 35·27. In bowling L. W. Pye led with an average of 17·09 for 38 wickets, W. Howell coming second with an average of 19·73 for 33 wickets. In the B team J. Anthony was first in the batting with an average of 42, W. S. Forbes being second with 37. In the bowling W. Kennedy was first with an average of 6·14 runs per wicket. The record of the A team was:—Won 3, lost 4, drawn 3. B team: Won 5, lost 7, drawn 2. The treasurer's statement showed a credit balance of £7 17s 2d. Judge Docker tendered his resignation, after having been connected with the club for 20 years. The election of officers resulted as follows:—Patron, Mr. Ferris, M.L.A.; president, Mr. C. J. Byrnes, J.P.; vice-presidents, Drs. Bowman, Brown, and Kearney, Colonel Burns, Messrs. T. Moxham (Mayor), L. Gurney, R. S. Richardson, A. W. Green, A. E. Bloxham, Rev. A. H. Champion, W. W. Bodenham, S. R. Walford, J. J. Miller, B. B. O'Conor, M.L.A., W. S. Forbes, T. D. Little, W. K. Gibbons, F. C. Cox, A. Henry, H. M. Todhunter, Alban Gee, J. B. Bettington, S. Purchase, T. E. MacNevin; hon. secretary, Mr. L. W. Pye; assistant hon. secretary, Mr. H. S. Hawkins; hon. treasurer, Mr. J. C. Wilson; auditors, Messrs. R. S. Richardson and H. M. Todhunter; general committee, Messrs. B. W. Farquhar, E. Miller, W. M. Kennedy, J. Anthony, W. Larcombe, J. Robilliard, Doyle, Arundel, Carruthers, Hull; selection committee, first eleven, Messrs. Pye, Wilson, and Farquhar; second eleven, Messrs. Hawkins, Robilliard, and Spier. Messrs. J. C. Wilson and A. W. Green were elected representatives of the club on the New South Wales Cricket Association.

FOOTBALL.

The King's School Rugby Fifteen met and were defeated by a mixed team from the University on Wednesday afternoon, the game ending with the scores University 19, King's School 14. For the winners tries were obtained by Waugh (3), Morton, and Perkins, two goals being kicked from the tries. For the School tries were obtained by Cambage, Richards, Glasson, and Harrison, one goal being obtained from the tries. King's School had a substantial lead, when Newton, in an effort to score, got his ankle badly hurt. From this out the School lost ground, and three tries were obtained by University in rapid succession.

At a meeting of the Evening Star Lodge, I.O.G.T., held on Wednesday evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term:—C.T., Bro. John Saunders; V.T., Bro. J. Button; chaplain, Sister Morgan; secretary, Bro. D. Rea; F. secretary, Sister Mather; treasurer, Bro. J. Pickering; marshal, Sister B. A. Withers; guardian, Sister Alice Saunders; P.C.T., Sister E. Saunders.

A meeting of the Castle Hill and District Agricultural and Horticultural Society was held on Tuesday evening, the president (Mr. H. M'Intosh) presiding. It was decided to hold the annual show next year in April, on the Tuesday and Wednesday before the Sydney show. At a previous meeting those who had opposed having a publican's booth on the grounds promised to get 20 members provided no attempt was again made to get a license. This promise was redeemed, and 21 names were handed in.

The return Naivette dance given by the gentlemen to the ladies of Ryde took place in the Ryde Council-chambers, and proved highly successful. Mr. Woods as M.C. and Mr. A. Glynn as hon. secretary had all arrangements perfect, and the visiting ladies expressed themselves highly pleased at the hospitality of their gentlemen friends. In an adjoining room supper was laid out in capital style.

The presentation of trophies won in connection with the Terry cricket competition for the Ryde electorate is to take place in St. Anne's Hall, Ryde, on Saturday night.

THE PEACE CONFERENCE.

A CRISIS AT THE HAGUE.

GERMANY OPPOSED TO AN ARBITRATION COURT.

WHAT ARE RUSSIA'S PLANS?

A cable to the New York "Sun" sent from The Hague on June 17, says:—"A crisis has now been reached in the work of the Peace Congress and the issue no longer rests with the delegates. The negotiations have come to a virtual deadlock, and the situation has been referred to the Governments themselves for solution. The members of the conference will mark time for a few days until instructions are received from headquarters, which will settle the question of whether the attempt to make war more difficult shall be abandoned or some practical benefit be gained.

On semi-official authority it is said the situation is practically this:—"The German Government was opposed on principle to an organised arbitration court, and it is found that these views existed long prior to the conference, and that instructions to that effect were given to the German delegates. The conviction obtained in Berlin that other powers, notably France, would instruct their delegates similarly. As the conference proceeded, the spirit of conciliation advanced, and the desire to accomplish important permanent results was manifested. With this grew up schemes for an organised arbitration board, notably the British proposals, to which nearly all the members rallied with the authoritative support of their respective Governments. This at once left the German delegates in a peculiar position, for which they were not prepared. The difficulty was not at The Hague, but at Berlin.

"In order to relieve the situation, Count von Munster, head of the German delegation, after a long conference with his colleagues decided to despatch Dr. Zorn and Baron von Stengel to inform the Emperor personally of the condition of affairs. The question of the moment, therefore, is what his Majesty will reply."

The Berlin correspondent of the New York "Sun," telegraphing on June 17, says:—"The recent developments at the Peace Conference are generally commented upon here, and the statements of the foreign papers, particularly the English, that the German representatives at The Hague are opposed to arbitration, have been noted with deep displeasure. Almost the entire press of Germany gives indignant voice to what the papers term 'English intrigues in order to prejudice the world against Germany's pacific intentions.'

"The snub administered to Germany by rejecting her Minister's proposition at The Hague has been bitterly commented on by the press here. The 'Deutsche Zeitung' remarks:—'This treatment of a big power like Germany strikes us as wholly inappropriate. We hope the Government will find a fit answer to this lack of courtesy.'"

The correspondent of the "Daily News" at The Hague, telegraphing on June 24, says:—"Several delegates remark that Russia's proposals regarding disarmament contain a trap, since she could increase her troops to any extent in Siberia, which is a colony. Captain Scheine, the Russian naval expert, laid upon the table a proposal similar to Colonel Gilinsky dealing with the navy, but limiting the non-augmentation period to three years, on the ground that three years are enough to build an ironclad."

The correspondent of the "Times" at The Hague says:—"There is not the faintest chance of the Russian proposals being adopted, but it is likely some motion will be carried to the effect that, in the interests of peace and humanity, the conference hopes that, unless an emergency should occur, war budgets will not be increased."

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MASONIC BALL.

FREEMASONS' ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

A BRILLIANT FUNCTION.

The annual Masonic ball in aid of the funds of the Freemasons' Benevolent Institution, under the patronage of the Grand Master and the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales, which is now recognised as the annual festival by all sections of "the craft" in the colony, took place at the Town Hall last night, and, compared even with that of last year, which eclipsed all its predecessors, it proved a most successful and brilliant social function. The ever-growing success, and the fact that the attendance at the ball continues to increase year by year, attests the wisdom of celebrating the annual festival in this manner rather than by the orthodox British custom of a banquet. There are many reasons which might be cited as contributing to the success of the gathering. Associated with Freemasonry there is in the minds of many a certain degree of mysticism, and as the unique and beautiful Masonic regalia is seldom seen in public, there is naturally a desire to witness the spectacular display which the celebration is known to afford. The arch of steel, the aprons, collars, &c., composing the regalia, with its intermingling of blue, scarlet, gold, and other colours, with the jewels of the various degrees, when seen amongst the splendour of the varying hues of the dresses worn by the ladies, constitute a most pleasing display. Another potent factor conducing to the success of the festival is that every Freemason to some extent feels that his honour as a "craftsman" calls upon him to attend a function which, while affording him a certain amount of pleasure, has the very practical outcome of assisting "poor and distressed Masons," and to all who participate in the pleasures of the valse there must be conscious enjoyment derivable from a similar reflection. The installation of Grand Master (M.W. Bro. J. C. Remington) and the investiture of his Grand Lodge officers, which took place on Monday evening last, was opportune for the provincial brethren, allowing them as it did to attend both functions if they so desired by the one trip to Sydney. As attesting the financial success of the ball and its growing popularity the following amounts which have been paid to the treasurer of the Freemasons' Benevolent Institution may be quoted:—In 1894, £256 17s 2d; 1895, £315; 1896, £403 3s 4d; 1897, £460 6s 1d; and 1898, which was a record year, £527 6s 4d—the grand total for the five years reaching £1965 12s 11d. In 1893 the institution had one annuitant, to whom £13 was paid, and last year 28 annuitants received £464 17s 6d. It is pleasing to note that each of the recipients of the annuity is allowed to reside in his own district, and the annuity is dispensed in such a manner that the general public nee[illegible] never become aware of the fact.

The function last night was initiated by an organ recital by the City Organist (Mr. A. Wiegand), which commenced at 7.30 p.m., the programme being as follows:—March Triomphale (Jules Grison), Celebrated Andante in G (Edouard Batiste), Gavotte in G (Thackeray), Grand Offertory in A flat (Edouard Batiste), played by Miss M. Walker Smith (pupil of Mr. A. Wiegand), Les Huguenots, "Fantasia Operatic" (Meyerbeer), Cantilene Pastorale in B minor (Guilmant), (a) Prayer from Oratorio, "Eli" (M. Costa), (b) La Carita (Rossini), Marche Solennelle in C (Alf. Mailly).

The processions commenced at 8.30, the music for which was supplied by Mr. De Groen's band, the selections being from "The Geisha," "The Gay Parisienne," and "The Lucky Star." The galleries were filled to overflowing by spectators anxious to witness the processions, and about 1200 people, the majority of whom were dancers, occupied the main floor of the hall; whilst every available seat on the platform was occupied. Each procession was announced by a fanfare of the trumpeter, and preceded by the Grand Standard of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales. The following was the order of the procession:—Arch of Steel (blue aprons and collars), Master Masons (preceded by G. Master, blue aprons), W. Masters, Past Masters, and Wardens (blue aprons and collars), Mark Masters (preceded by R.W. Bro. Passmore, red and blue aprons), Royal Arch Masons (preceded by M.E. Bro. A. Hole, red and purple aprons, with sashes), Knights of the Red Cross (preceded by S.K.C. W. T. Dunn, scarlet regalia and swords), Grand Mark Lodge (preceded by V.W. Bro. J. H. Harris, gold, red, and blue aprons and collars), Grand Royal Arch Chapters (scarlet and gold aprons, collars, and sashes), Rose Croix (Sedgwick Sovereign Chapter, scarlet and gold aprons, collars, with sashes, preceded by W. Bro. R. A. Withers, G.C.M.L.R.), United Grand Lodge of N.S.W. (preceded by R.W. G. Master, garter blue and gold collar and sashes). Each of the various orders was preceded by its G. Master, Principal, or Commander, according to its particular degree.

At the conclusion of the procession of Freemasons the Mayor (Sir Matthew Harris) arrived, accompanied by Lady Harris and Miss Harris, the party being received by the W.M. the Grand Master and the reception committee, which consisted of R.W. Bros. W. H. Simpson, T. E. Spencer, A. Kethel (M.L.C.), A. Bole, E. Robinson, and J. Talbot.

His Excellency (Earl Beauchamp), accompanied by Lady Mary Lygon, the Hon. Violet Somerset, Mr. Victor Corkran (Private Secretary), and Captain Wilfrid Smith (A.D.C.), arrived at 9.30, and were received by the M.W. Grand Master, the orchestra playing the National Anthem. There were also present the Hon. the Chief Justice (clothed as a Mason), Miss Darley, the Hon. Mr. Justice Stephen, Miss Stephen, and others.

In the M.W. Grand Masters' set of Lancers the Grand Master (M.W. Bro. J. C. Remington) danced with Mrs. T. E. Spencer, R.W. Bro. Teece (P.D.G.M.) danced with Mrs. Remington, R.W. Bro. T. E. Spencer (P.D.G.M.) danced with Mrs. Teece, and R.W. Bro. Wright danced with Miss Wright. In the Vice-regal set of Lancers his Excellency (Earl Beauchamp) danced with Mrs. Remington, M.W. Bro. Remington (Grand Master) danced with Lady Mary Lygon, R.W. Bro. Teece danced with the Hon. Miss Somerset, R.W. Bro. Spencer danced with Miss Wright, Captain Smith danced with Miss Darley, R.W. Bro. Wright danced with Miss Stephens, Judge Stephens danced with Mrs. Bray, Mr. Victor Corkran danced with Miss Harris.

The decoration committee consisted of Bros. G. G. J. Macintosh and W. C. Marshall, and the decorations, which consisted of festoons of ferns, pot plants, with which were intermingled Masonic emblems and statuary, were carried out by Messrs. Dare and Sons. Bro. A. M'Neilly was director of ceremonies, assisted by Bros. J. H. Harris, K. King, W. Wearne, F. Smith, D. Moon, F. C. Boulton, W. Gillies, D. Waddell, A. J. Kessell, A. C. Bastian, W. B. Doust, and J. Goulston. The executive committee, to which much of the success of the function was due, consisted of R.W. Bro. T. E. Spencer (president of the institution), chairman, V.W. Bro. A. J. Scott (Grand Treasurer), and Wor. Bro. T. B. Beauregard (secretary), with Bros. A. J. Scott, J. T. Coffill, J. J. Chounding, W. J. Millner, A. M'Neilly, A. J. Kessell, John Talbot, W. C. Marshall, S. D. Townsend, J. G. Moon, F. C. Boulton, C. A. Y. Simpson, H. Adams. The supper was laid in the basement, the refreshment committee being V. W. Bros. J. B. Travitt, A. H. Bray (Grand Secretary), W. J. Millner, and H. Adams. Mrs. E. F. Helmore was the caterer.

The music for the dances was supplied by Mr. De Groen's band, and amongst the music played was a composition by Mr. Montague Younger, jun., entitled "The Earl Waltz," dedicated by special permission to his Excellency Earl Beauchamp, which is to be played at the principal balls at Government House during the season. The extra dances were played by Miss Sylvia Blackston, Miss Maud Fitz-Stubbs, and Miss M'Donnell. The Masonic Lancers were danced at 12 o'clock. The committee desire to acknowledge various services. The flashlight photographs were taken in the ballroom by Messrs. Kerry and Co., and in the supper room by the Success Photo. Company. A handsome bouquet which was presented to Lady Mary Lygon was supplied by Miss Goodenough.

V.W. Bro. Beauregard acted as hon. secretary to the ball committee, and to him much of the success is due; and Mr. H. Tear, who was press secretary, was courteous and indefatigable in supplying the necessary particulars.

Amongst such a vast assemblage it was almost impossible to individualise many of the dresses, for they were seen one moment and in the next were lost sight of in the maze of dancers. That there was great variety of style goes without saying, and many rich toilettes were worn which, mingled with the handsome regalia of the Masons, made the sight picturesque and uncommon. Lady Mary Lygon wore a handsome fawn and blue brocade, the bodice having shoulder straps of fur with a rosette and neck-fold of rose-coloured velvet, diamond tiara and necklet; also pearl necklace and other diamond and pearl ornaments; and carried a lovely shower bouquet of pale yellow roses. The Hon. Violet Somerset was in black-striped grenadine trimmed with chiffon over black silk. Miss Sylvia Darley wore black, the bodice being relieved with a cream lace fichu, fastened with a bunch of Parma violets, and sleeves of cream lace. Lady Harris was in black satin, the front draped with jewelled net with touches of pale blue on the bodice. Miss Harris wore a black and silver embroidered net over black satin, and pink roses on the bodice and in the hair. Mrs. Remington's handsome buttercup brocaded satin had a yellow chiffon flounce on the skirt, and the bodice covered with gold beaded net and trimmed with yellow chiffon, and roses on the left shoulder. Mrs. Teece wore white brocaded satin effectively trimmed with a flounce of black lace, and several small flounces of white and black chiffon; the bodice was draped with black sequined net, with shoulder straps of geranium pink velvet and a bunch of geraniums, diamond pendant, and other ornaments. Mrs. Docker was in black, relieved with iridescent-beaded passementerie. Mrs. Beauregard wore a handsome white brocaded satin. Mrs. Kirkpatrick was in dark-grey brocaded satin, with a cream lace bertha and pink roses. Miss Kirkpatrick wore yellow, and her sister was in pale pink. Miss Jensen (a debutante) wore white silk draped with crepe de Chine and crystal beaded net. Miss Wright was in black, with silver sequins and green velvet on the bodice, and green and black feathers in the hair. Mrs. Spencer wore black. Mrs. Bray was in black velvet and red roses. Miss Christie wore white. At midnight the Masons took off their aprons and lent them to the ladies they were dancing with, this being one of the usual customs performed at Masonic balls. An excellent supper was served in the basement, and dancing was kept up with spirit all the evening. Mr. Younger's waltz, "The Earl," was played, by request, for the first time; and Miss Sylvia Blackston played her "Zaroma" waltz.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

DUBBO, Thursday.

The chief scores at the fifth competition for the N.R. Association's medals at 500 and 600 yards were:—J. Hanna, 62; Private G. Paul, 57; Corporal Stuart, 56.

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SPORTING INTELLIGENCE.

THE TURF.

Entries for the pony and galloway races to be held at Kensington on Wednesday next close with the secretary, Mr. P. O'Mara, before 5 p.m. to-day. The programme will be found in the advertising portion of the paper.

Wollongong J.C. Race Meeting was yesterday granted registration by the A.J.C.

The secretary, Mr. A. E. Bateman, will receive entries up to 5 p.m. to-day for the pony and galloway races to be held at Rosebery Park on Monday and Friday next. The card is set forth in the business sheets.

The following scratchings were recorded yesterday in connection with the Moorefield meeting:—Kogarah Stakes, The Labourer and Brightlight; Moorefield Handicap, Blue Metal.

Waiter, who is handicapped at 10st 9lb in the V.A.T.C. Grand National Hurdle Race, and Ottoman, entered for some of the flat races at the same meeting, left on Wednesday evening by train to fulfil their engagements.

The brown gelding Boonal, by Gozo from Forty Winks, has been leased to a Gunnedah sportsman, and left for his new home by train last night.

Mr. George Kiss yesterday conducted a sale of thoroughbred stock, when the following horses were sold:—Parnassus, by Corinth—Parthenia, Mr. W. Barry, 8 guineas; Bessie, by Trident—Calypso, Mr. R. Hueston, 66 guineas; Parthenopæus, by Splendor (imp.)—Atalanta, Mr. R. J. Hunter, 100 guineas; Attachment, by Chevedon—Affection, Mr. R. Sharp, 50 guineas; Silverstream, by Cheviot—Silver Bell, Mr. Hurley, 59 guineas; Escape, by Captivator or Piscator, Mr. Hayden, 7 guineas; Quairat, by Metal—Lady Pitsford, Mr. Burn, 8 guineas.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The following V.A.T.C. scratchings have been posted:—National Hurdles: Goldfinder and Manfred. National Steeplechase: Goldfinder.

THE MORNING GALLOPS.

Though it rained a little overnight the inner grass track at Randwick was not much affected yesterday morning, and withstood the test of at least 300 horses working on it. The Russell two-year-old, Ben Bolt, started the work with 5 furlongs in 1 minute 8¾ seconds, and Sweetheart followed over the same course in 1 minute 11½ seconds, but she was not nearly all out. Satan ran 6 furlongs alone, and Beverley beat Amourette over the same distance, which was also negotiated by Caledonia, Carldale, and Dandy in 1 minute 23½ seconds, but neither of the trio was fully extended. Blanche Florence went strong work, and Russley King ran half a mile in 54 seconds. The Gael beat Dixon over 6 furlongs in 1 minute 22½ seconds, and Virginius defeated Autocrat over the same course in 1 minute 24 seconds. Cooramin defeated Nardoo in a half-mile spin, and The Captain beat The Barber over a mile in 1 minute 54 seconds. Guardsman was of no use to Plutus in a gallop over a mile which occupied 1 minute 51½ seconds, nor could The Kiss extend Feu-de-Joi over six furlongs run in 1 minute 23 seconds. Skylight, The Prize, and Honeydew II., were all together at the end of a mile run in 1 minute 54 seconds, and Cordon spurted over about half a mile. Sunflower beat Marathon over five furlongs in 1 minute 8 seconds, and Ruskin ran six furlongs well in 1 minute 22 seconds. April Fool and Vovou did long steady work, and Severity worked at three-quarter pace over six furlongs. The yearlings Hautboy (Haut Brion—Meridian), Scornful (sister to Scorn), a chestnut filly by Lochiel from Beta, and another chestnut ran down half a mile together in even time, while Kitsware and Right Honourable each did strong work over a round. Fata Morgana went fast over five furlongs, and Otto comfortably accomplished six furlongs in 1 minute 23½ seconds. Dalmeny, with Ionian for a leader, did a useful working gallop over about a mile, while St. Clare and Dewey starting steadily, and increasing the pace as they progressed, ran a mile and a furlong. Thrift got over a mile at three-quarter pace, and 1 minute 10 seconds was the record of Killarney II. and Prestigne for 5 furlongs. Fitzroy, keeping well out, ran over Wangello at the finish of a mile and a quarter, the watch showing 2 minutes 13 seconds for the round. Checkmate and a big gelding by Abercorn did three-quarter pace for a mile, and over the same distance Chesterina went at half-pace. Cocos and Flodden worked over a mile and a quarter together, but they were not on time-making bent, taking 2 minutes 17½ seconds to run the first round and 2 minutes 16 seconds to cover the last round. Pebble beat Association over 6 furlongs in 1 minute 24 seconds; and Cravat, who will not gallop well alone, ran a mile and three-quarters in 3 minutes 30½ seconds. Merribah and Kitty were not nearly extended to run 6 furlongs in 1 minute 24½ seconds, and Hilda beat Annadour by two lengths over a mile in 1 minute 52 seconds; Bellwood started behind them and finished in their wake. Bobbie Burns and Mishap did an easy gallop over 6 furlongs, taking 1 minute 25½ seconds to run it, while Woodlark and Gauleon did a useful working gallop once round, Kallatina following their example, as did Viscount II. and Reviver. Surprise beat Rosalind by two lengths over 6 furlongs in 1 minute 20½ seconds, and Kalingo did a strong working gallop. Without being fully extended, Johansen and Blue Metal ran the round in 2 minutes 13 seconds, while Kiora and Condiment ran the same distance at a sound working pace. Carberra put up the gallop of the morning by running the round, beating Blacklock off, in 2 minutes 9½ seconds, and Catherine Wheel beat Munman by a couple of lengths over half a mile in 53 seconds. Braw Lad did a long working gallop, and Yule Cake ran half a mile in 53 seconds, a distance which Opera Glass ran easily, on the outside of the track, in 55½ seconds, and beat Idol. Oliviera finished the morning's work by running 6 furlongs in 1 minute 24 seconds.

BRIGHTON PONY AND GALLOWAY RACES.

The pony and galloway races held at Brighton yesterday were well attended. In the Tempe Handicap the pony Bopeep, owner (T. Connors), and rider (J. Fanning) were each disqualified for three months, and in the Rockdale Handicap the pony Little Lady, owner (M. M'Grath), and rider (Smith) were each disqualified for six months for suspicious running. S. Marriott was fined £1 for disobedience at the post in the Rockdale Handicap. Subjoined are the results of the racing:—

Tramway Handicap (14.3), 4 furlongs 30 yards.—T. Merritt's Sapphire, 8st 11lb (Merritt), 1; Sook, 7st 4lb, 2; Laurette, 9st 12lb, 3. Four started. Betting: Even money on Sapphire, 2 to 1 v. Laurette, 3 to 1 v. Charley's Aunt, 6 to 1 v. Sook. Won by a length. Time, 56½ seconds.

Tempe Handicap (13.2), 3½ furlongs.—A. Brooks's Rosy, 7st 6lb (Manly), 1; My Jane, 8st 12lb, 2; Bo Peep, 9st, 3. Five started. Betting: 7 to 4 v. Bo Peep, 3 to 1 v. Jimmy II., 5 to 1 v. Rosy. Won by a length. Time, 45¼ seconds.

Rockdale Handicap (14st 2lb), 4 furlongs 30 yards.—First division: J. Downey's Leeward, 8st 5lb (Marriott), 1; six started. Betting: even money on Emilie; 3 to 1 each v. Mantle and Leeward; 5 to 1 v. Pure Gold. Won by a length from Emilie. Time, 57 seconds. Second division: R. Lawler's Miss Hilltop, 7st 12lb (Neville), 1; six started. Betting: 2 to 1 v. Leonas; 3 to 1 each v. Miss Hillion and Isaac; 5 to 1 v. Ionnia. Won by a length from Isaac. Time, 57¼ seconds.

Beach Handicap (14.0), 4 furlongs 30 yards.—C. Taylor's Miss Tobin, 8st 6lb (Walker), 1; The Nun, 7st, 2; Milano, 8st 6lb, 3. Twelve started. Betting: 3 to 1 each v. Milano and The Nun, 4 to 1 v. Miss Tobin, 5 to 1 v. Dart. Won by a length. Time, 59 seconds.

Brighton Handicap (15.0), 6 furlongs 50 yards.—J. Shannon's Mermaid, 7st 11lb (Frank Neville), 1; Sook, 7st 5lb, 2; Gevanna, 9st 10lb, 3. Six started. Betting: 2 to 1 each v. Gevanna and Mermaid, 3 to 1 v. Amazon. Won by a head. Time, 1 minute 24 seconds.

BERRIGAN COURSING CLUB.

BERRIGAN, Thursday.

The champion meeting of the Berrigan Coursing Club was run on Tuesday, Wednesday, and to-day, and was the most successful ever held in the Riverina. The following are the results:—

Berrigan Champion Stake; first dog £55, second £22, third £11, two dogs £6 each.

First Round.

Sailor Boy beat Ellerslie
The Raven beat Coogee
Fair May beat Riddle
Amiable beat Starlight
Seaweed beat Black Lad
Badger beat Roxiana
Innisfail beat Berrigan Lad
Memoir beat Rustic
Master Mick beat Bristles
Slocum beat Merry Sunshine
Waterlily beat Nigger
Guiding Star beat Wild Mint
General Booth beat Bonaparte
Bonnie Bird beat Dashaway
Sally beat Bell Bird
Outrigger beat Bonsoir
Great Scott beat Babel
Imitator beat Gallant
Lord Nelson beat Woodlark
Midnight beat Masher

First Ties.

Sailor Boy beat the Raven.
Fair May beat Amiable.
Seaweed beat Badger.
Innisfail beat Memoir.
Slocum beat Master Mick.
General Booth beat Guiding Star.
Outrigger beat Great Scott.
Imitator beat Lord Nelson.
Waterlily beat Midnight.

Second Ties.

Sailor Boy beat Innisfail.
General Booth beat Slocum.
Outrigger beat Bonnie Bird.
Imitator beat Waterlily.

Third Ties.

Sailor Boy beat Innisfail
Outrigger beat General Booth
Imitator a bye.

Fourth Ties.

Sailor Boy beat Imitator
Outrigger a bye.

Final.

W. Smart's Outrigger beat W. Burns's Sailor Boy, and won the stake.

There was over £100 invested in sweeps.

CRICKET.

GLEBE ELECTORATE CLUB.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The seventh annual meeting of the Glebe Electorate Cricket Club was held at the Glebe Town Hall on Wednesday evening. The meeting, which was presided over by the Hon. J. A. Hogue, Minister for Public Instruction, was largely attended by members and visitors.

The secretary (Mr. L. G. Abrams) read the annual report, which showed that last season in the premiership electorate matches the team were fourth on the list. This was thought not to be a fair criterion of the club's strength, for the team were unfortunate to have no fewer than four out of the nine matches played drawn, and in every instance the draw was apparently in favour of the Glebe club. During the past season the A team were engaged in nine matches, three of which were won, two lost, and four drawn. The B team were a little more successful than in previous years, their record being five matches won, six lost, two drawn. They were not as successful as was wished, owing to the fact that the first eleven were compelled to draw at times several players from their ranks, which weakened them considerably. The averages last season were won by the following:—Batting average, A. Coningham, 59·65; bowling, G. Youll, 16·66. Special reference was made to Mr. Youll's all-round performances, he having performed creditably with the bat, and his fielding in the slips was brilliant. The successes of Messrs. Bardsley and Gallagher from the second eleven were favourably commented upon. In the second eleven the batting average was obtained by W. Bardsley with 27·2. Mr. F. Farrell easily won the bowling average with 16·46. The cricket ground at Wentworth Park during the past year has been well levelled, and the wickets and fielding ground kept in good order. Reference was made to the assistance rendered by the Mayor (Sir Matthew Harris) and the Hon. J. A. Hogue, M.L.A., and to the grant made by the N.S.W.C.A. It was with pleasure that the success of the Australian Eleven in England was noted. The finances of the club were not in quite as healthy a condition as was desired, there being a small debit balance.

The chairman moved the adoption of the report and the balance-sheet, which was agreed to.

The following were elected as officers for the ensuing year:—Patron, the Mayor of the Glebe (Alderman Lucas); president, the Hon. the Minister for Public Instruction (Mr. J. A. Hogue, M.L.A.); vice-presidents, the Mayor of Sydney (Sir Matthew Harris), Aldermen John Harris, Williamson, West, Macnamara, Buckle, Cohen, Dr. Ashwell, Dr. Borshman, Messrs. R. S. Nelson, W. Cornish, C. F. W. Lloyd, W. D. Benjamin, E. Williamson, W. Henson, J. Wallace, J. Lord, A. Scott, S. Lloyd, M. Conlan, T. Dive, and W. Bardsley; general committee, Messrs. T. Duggan, J. Lord, H. Newell, W. Matthews, and W. Ledgart; selection committee (first eleven), Messrs. Duggan, Buckle, and H. Newell; second eleven, Messrs. Ledgart, Matthews, and J. Newell; hon. secretary, Mr. Lewis G. Abrams, J.P.; hon. treasurer, Mr. A. Buckle; delegates to New South Wales Cricket Association, Messrs. L. G. Abrams and Buckle; delegates to Wentworth Park Cricket Association, Messrs. Lord, Bardsley, and Kurtz.

At the close of the business "Kindred Clubs" were toasted, Messrs. R. Shute, E. Briscoe, A. Dent, J. Searle, and Alderman Williamson responded. The toast of the "President, Vice-presidents, and Donors" was responded to by the Hon. J. A. Hogue.

As advertised the annual meeting of the North Sydney Electorate Cricket Club will be held to-night.

FOOTBALL.

DUBBO, Thursday.

A football match between Newtown and Grenfell clubs was drawn, the scores being 3 points each.

NARRABRI, Thursday.

The match Narrabri versus Moree was played on the Cycling Grounds to-day. The former won by 13 points to 8 points. Littyman, Bible, and Holbert scored tries for Narrabri, and Gentle and Bray scored for Moree.

Last night 45 persons, including two football teams, senior and junior, arrived from Moree by train to play matches to-day against local clubs. On Saturday the test match, Narrabri, Moree, and Wee Waa combined clubs v. two Gunnedah and Boggabri clubs, will be played.

LAWN TENNIS.

MANLY LAWN TENNIS CLUB.

At the invitation of the Woonona Tennis Club, Messrs. F. and S. Ridge, S. G. Boydell, and E. W. Austin, of the Manly Club, visited Bulli on the 14th instant for the purpose of attending the annual club dance and playing a match against the local team. The dance was a most enjoyable one, and the match resulted in a win for the Manly team by 57 to 46 games. The following are the detail scores:—

Singles.

F. Ridge v. Graham, 2-6.
Boydel v. Alanson, 6-3.
S. Ridge v. Ewing, 6-4.
Austin v. Russell, 6-2.

Doubles.

S. Ridge and Boydell v. Alanson and Ewing, 5-6, 6-1.
S. Ridge and Boydell v. Graham and Russell, 6-2.
F. Ridge and Austin v. Alanson and Ewing, 2-6, 6-4.
F. Ridge and Austin v. Graham and Russell, 6-5, 6-6.

The visitors were entertained by Mr. Ramsay, of Athol Cottage, Woonona, on Saturday evening, and on Sunday a trip was made via the Bulli Pass to the Loddon Falls. The team returned to town on Monday morning, after expressing their appreciation of the hospitality of the members of the Woonona Tennis Club, and the kindness and attention of the secretary and captain, Mr. A. G. Alanson.

ATHLETICS.

Entries close to-day for the Sydney Grammar School sports, to be held on August 4.

NEW SOUTH WALES GUN CLUB.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the N.S.W. Gun Club was held yesterday afternoon at the Royal Hotel. Mr. H. M. Faithfull, president, occupied the chair, and there was a large attendance of members.

The report showed that the membership was as follows:—Town members, 38; country members, 54; non-shooting members, 17; total, 109—an increase of 11 over last year, the most prosperous year of the club. The finances were in a very prosperous condition, the balance to credit being £769 5s 9d, an amount far in excess of any year of the club since its foundation, and £250 0s 9d above 1889, taking into consideration improvements to ground, that prizes had been doubled, more outright trophies, and that the nomination fees in ladies' trophies had been reduced. During the year five open handicaps had been shot off of £110, £100, £65, and two of £50. In addition to the ladies' trophies provided in the quarterly fixture cards, two ladies' trophy competitions took place, and proved attractive. In September, 1898, the second champion match of N.S.W. was held, and Mr. G. R. M'Intosh secured the title, killing 21 birds without a miss. The next champion match was to be open to all, in the hope that it would induce competitors from other colonies to take part. The ground, pavilions, and buildings were in splendid order. The death of Mr. G. B. Modini, one of the club's oldest members and staunch supporters, was regretted.

On the motion of the chairman, seconded by Mr. Usher, the report and balance-sheet were adopted unanimously.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:—President, Mr. H. M. Faithfull; vice-presidents, Messrs. J. Hamilton and W. B. Mitchell; treasurer, Mr. M. E. Grant; hon. secretary, Mr. C. H. Kerry; auditors, Messrs. W. T. Ball, A. J. Taylor; committee, Messrs. H. Garratt, G. R. M'Intosh, H. Tange, L. N. Walford, A. J. Usher, P. Glenister, and Dr. Bowker.

Mr. A. J. Usher moved,—"That General Rule No. 7 be altered, the word 'three' being substituted for 'one,' rule to read as follows—'Three handicappers shall be elected annually at the annual general meeting, who shall handicap for all club matches for the year.'"

This was seconded by Mr. H. Tange and carried. The handicappers elected were Messrs. H. M. Faithfull, C. H. Kerry, and H. Garratt.

Mr. Hamilton proposed the health of their president, Mr. H. M. Faithfull, in felicitous terms, and the toast was received with enthusiasm.

Mr. H. M. Faithfull, in acknowledging the compliment, said that some of his happiest days had been spent in the club's grounds at Botany. He hoped that the club would continue the prosperous career it had for some years enjoyed.

Mr. A. J. Usher, in submitting the toast of the secretary (Mr. H. E. Lord), referred to the excellent services rendered by that gentleman, and in support thereof dwelt for a few moments on the facts and figures of the annual report.

Mr. Lord responded.

The toast of "The Press" was also proposed and acknowledged.

BILLIARDS.

CITY TATTERSALL'S TOURNAMENT.

The above was continued last night with following results:—M. Dawson (receives 75) beat A. Spencer (receives 100) by 59; A. Burton (receives 95) beat E. Dorrington (receives 140) by 20. The heats for to-night are:—S. Rooney (receives 50) v. M. Kelly (receives 125); L. Benjamin (receives 90) v. R. Heuston (receives 145).

THE MARKERS' TOURNAMENT.

The semi-final of the above was played at Messrs. Heiron and Smith's billiard show room, 214 Castlereagh-street, last night, when S. Woods (receives 100) beat A. Murphy (receives 175) by 116. The fourth prize was also played for and resulted: W. Taylor (receives 295) beat P. Donohoe (receives 160) by 113. The final will be played to-night:—E. Read (receives 225) v. S. Woods (receives 100.) Play to commence at 8 o'clock.

A MILITARY TOURNAMENT.

A COMICAL STRUGGLE.

One of the most amusing features of the Royal Military Tournament held in London on Tuesday, June 7, was (says the "Daily Telegraph") wrestling on horseback between teams drawn respectively from the Royal Navy and the 3rd Grenadier Guards. It was a challenge competition, in which the reputation of either side was at stake, for both had been vaunting their ability to ride and power to "stick on," though neither side had ever ridden bare-backed steeds. There was a feeling abroad that the Grenadiers would send men into the arena who had seen horses before, and possibly done a little training at Aldershot for the Mounted Infantry. The "Jacks," it was suspected, would all be A.B.'s, and of the seaman class known as "smart maintopsail hands," able to cling to a spar-end in a hurricane.

About 4.30 p.m. the 20 burly Grenadiers, clad in buckskin jackets with "stockinged" feet, rode on bare-backed cavalry mounts into the arena. They conveyed the impression that most of them had been "aboard" before. A minute or so later, with some little difficulty, the score of sailors, clad in much the same fashion as their opponents, were helped on "deck." The command having been given, without further parley the combatants stirred their horses forward to the encounter. The sailors were very much abroad, and all over their "ships," which they steered very wildly. Still, resolution was stamped in their faces and manner. They clung somehow to their horses, rolling all over them, and twisting and reappearing like monkeys from under the animals' necks and chests. For once the great audience at the hall was excited, and everybody stood up, cheering, shouting, and laughing.

It was a Homeric struggle, and for a while it seemed as if the Guardsmen must win, for several of them were really good horsemen, and threw the sailors right and left. But the bluejackets' chief trouble was in getting their horses to move in the right direction and close with their rivals. Jack could be heard talking entreatingly, and occasionally vexedly, to his steed. "You beauty. Won't you go starboard?" Once the sailor got a fair grip upon a Guardsman he was not to be shaken off, and the soldier had to shift. It was noticeable, too, that the tars worked together, so in the end it happened as it should have done; our glorious Navy proved victors, over half a dozen sailors having kept their seats. As victors they were invited to ride around the arena. Amid thundering applause the rollicking sailors made their exit, their horses' steering gear having been quite carried away.

Milan has a curiosity in a clock which is made entirely of bread. The maker is a native of India, and he has devoted three years of his time to the construction of this curiosity. The clock is of respectable size, and goes well.

Drought Time in the North-west. Four graphic pictures by the Mail's photographer in this week's Mail.—Advt.

The Officers and Crew of H.I.M.S. Falke form a large group in this week's Mail.—Advt.

Woods' Great Peppermint Cure for Coughs and Colds never fails, 1s 6d and 2s 6d.—Advt.

GENERAL BOOTH BACK IN ENGLAND.

HE TALKS OF HIS TOUR THROUGH THE COLONIES.

General Booth, after touring Australia and New Zealand, returned to London on June 11. He was seen the same evening by a representative of the "Daily Chronicle," who states that the General was in good health—wonderfully good health, considering that his illness in Australia was, as he admits himself, "rather a shaking." This is his third tour of the Australasian colonies, and he describes it as the most powerful and successful of the three. The remark arose out of a reference made to the fact that he had celebrated his 70th birthday in Sydney.

"Yes," he said, "I celebrated it amid surroundings which I almost felt to be home—among our own people. But, indeed, I may call myself a citizen of the world. My 70th birthday. Yes, I can say that the years grow more interesting as they pass along. I am, I believe, as capable of work, as full of energy as ever I was. During one day on the steamer I wrote 8000 words with my own hand. You see I have never acquired the art of dictating, although I have tried more than once."

"Taking three-score and ten as age in a general way, what would you say of it?"

"Why, that age should be the most powerful period of a man's life. To some it may bring limitations in energy, perhaps in health, but it also brings its own advantages. It brings increased influence, increased power, all that is implied in the word prestige—the prestige of a long life."

"And looking back upon yours, what would be the thought nearest your heart?"

"One of deep thankfulness that 54 years ago I came to recognise and worship and serve my Maker, my Judge, My Lord, and to spend my strength in promoting the interests of the poor and the lost—the submerged classes. Further, that I have had the grace and strength to stick to my consecration till to-day. I am proud of it; I am thankful for it. It has been the making of me on earth, and it will be the making of me in heaven. I have induced a great many other people to follow in my steps. I told them in Australia, 'Folks talk about the General; they tell me I'm an old man. They tell me so often that actually I'm coming to believe that there is some truth in it. But listen! If the General is old—growing old—the Salvation Army is young, and growing younger every day.'"

"That was another thing to look back upon from the milestone of 70—the start of the army?"

"Yes; three-and-thirty years ago. What would be my review of those years? Why, I'm exceedingly thankful to have been allowed to inaugurate a movement that has already been such a blessing to a multitude of my fellows. Nobody with half an eye can fail to see that the Salvation Army is going to be an even greater blessing in the future. It is only in its infancy. Everywhere I go, and every day I live, I am more and more impressed with the marvellous opportunity lying before us. The fact of having so many thousands of men and women, who are delighted to face any trial and difficulty and sacrifice, to attain the great object in view, cannot help being a gratification to me."

"The army has had to fight its way along; it has found not a few obstacles, not a little prejudice, strewing the path?"

"True, and the fighting has made us; has helped to make us, anyhow. Moreover, we have a great deal of fighting still before us. We want to get into the prisons of England, to carry our work there. At present we are stopped at the gates; which is one thing to be overcome. In what has the success of the Salvation Army lain? My answer would be that it has lain in a combination of love, human and divine. That has found expression, of course, in proper methods of work—the adaptation of that combination wisely, prudently, and energetically to the attainment of its object. The secrets of our success; love and sanctifying common sense—those are what have kept us going."

"Now, what would you remark of Salvationism in the colonies?"

"I have been away almost five months, and I have travelled 35,000 miles. My broad observation would be that Salvationism is consolidating itself in the colonies—taking even a firmer hold. Getting quite respectable, you put in? We are keeping down to our work. My great hope for the future is the increased desire on the part of our officers and soldiers to get still deeper down in the rescue of the suffering, the perishing. But in the colonies, as you know, there is not the same population of the absolutely submerged that we have here. Out there we do a great work amongst what I may call the reformatory classes—those who have fallen from the straight path into the crooked one. The colonial Governments have taken the trouble to inquire into our operations, and they subsidise us. We work hand-in-hand with them."

"Is it the religious side of Salvationism, or the social side, that most stress is laid upon in the colonies?"

"The religious side is everywhere the secret, because it enables us to supply that force of love which make the other side effective. We seek to change the heart of a reformatory boy as well as put him in a comfortable, promising situation. The two things are one—they are our combination. I should not wonder if one day we come to speak of invalids and unbelievers—educated people, I mean—through those thousands of the lower classes whom we are rescuing religiously as well as socially. We shall present such a mass of living evidence that perhaps the infidel will say, 'May not this be useful to me?' There are many people who declare that life is not worth living. We shall teach them that it is."

"What would be your appreciation of the colonials—that is, as a body?"

"They are a most intelligent people, well educated, very friendly, very hospitable, with a great love of the old country, which they always call home. Oh, yes; there has been a marked advance in loyalty—if that is the word—within the past few years. Your kinsmen of the colonies will be ready to fight for you if you want them. I am a man of peace, looking, as no doubt everybody is, with some hope to the Peace Conference. It would be a great calamity if the conference were to separate without doing something to bring the nations closer together. They only want to come together; they only want to understand each other. My opinion has always been that if a few would make a beginning, the others would come in."

"Did you give any attention to the subject of federation in Australia?"

"Naturally, I was interested in that matter. Public sentiment, estimated as a whole, is in favour of federation—that is quite the impression you get. New South Wales is the difficulty, and the difficulty to New South Wales is freetrade. That colony hopes, however, to get in trade with a united Australia what she will lose with the rest of the world by giving up freetrade. A great fight is going on, but the general expectation is that federation will go through. I heard nothing of federation in any larger sense than as bounded by Australia. Federation, in the sense of the British Empire, was not on the carpet at all in Australia."

"I suppose you always found it an agreeable task to address a colonial audience?"

"Surely, surely! I have found in my experience that people in big towns are perhaps quicker at perceiving a point than people in the smaller centres of population. A London audience of Salvationists is the most receptive, the most responsive audience that I know. The poet has said that an honest man's the noblest work of God. If the poet had only known the London Salvationist, he would have bracketed him as the best man that God has made so far."

"Much of a muchness," was General Booth's comparison of colonial and English politicians. But a man had, perhaps, a fuller chance in the colonies, people simply asking, "Is he doing good?" If so they would listen to him; there were no traditions, associations, making against him. One man was as good as another.

"I regard the people of Australasia as a thoroughly religious people—people with whom religion is a great force"—this was another of his remarks.

Then the question of the over-sea colony in connection with his "Darkest England" scheme came up, but there was nothing new to be reported about it. He believed, however, that influences were steadily making for it, one being the growing light of the colonies as to the necessity for having people on their lands, not townspeople merely. He expected great things of this.

General Booth goes to the Continent this month, but will be back in London for the Salvationist exhibition at the Agricultural Hall at the beginning of July.

BIG BALLOON EXPERIMENT.

GERMAN AERONAUTS GOING TO MAKE A RECORD.

A report (says the Berlin correspondent of the London "Daily Mail") has been going the rounds of the press both in this country and abroad to the effect that a party of German aeronauts contemplate making a trip to China in a balloon.

It need hardly be said that this is not the case. But a balloon enterprise of not less importance scientifically is being arranged here, the main purpose of which is to discover experimentally how long a balloon may remain in the air before coming to the ground.

Herr Zekeli the celebrated aeronaut, is to carry out this experiment, which will be made in July if the weather is favourable. The balloon which will be used has already seen service as a captive balloon in the Berlin Industrial Exhibition three years ago. Its cubic capacity is greater than the Andree airship by about 1200 cubic metres (42,380 cubic feet), while the car will accommodate 120cwt. The difficulty of supplying the hydrogen gas required for this enormous balloon has been overcome by the United Chemical Works at Leopoldshall.

Only Germans will take part in the voyage, which is expected to beat the world's record, which is at present held by France. As the prevailing winds in Europe are westerly, it is thought that the balloon may be carried across Russia, though a voyage to China is not intended.

The scientific value of the experiment is considerable. Dr. von Bezold, director of the Royal Prussian Meteorological Institute of Berlin, informs me that Herr Andree had been recommended by the Berlin authorities to make some such experiment before starting on his fateful voyage. The advice was not accepted. Had it been, the Andree legend might have read differently.

The daily post bag at Marlborough House contains some extraordinary letters. Recently one arrived from a French inventor of a new diving-dress, begging the Prince of Wales to don it and dive into the Seine when he next visited Paris.

Married men, according to a German investigator, live longer than bachelors, and are less likely to become insane. Another argument for matrimony is found in the fact that there are 38 criminals among every 1000 bachelors, while among married men the ratio is only 18 per 1000.

DUCHESS OF MARLBOROUGH'S WILL.

The executors of the will, which bears date March 16, 1897, of Frances Anne Emily, Duchess of Marlborough, of 50 Grosvenor-square, who died on April 16 last, aged 77 years, daughter of the third Marquis of Londonderry, and widow of the seventh Duke of Marlborough, are (says the London "Daily Telegraph") her son-in-law, Edward Lord Tweedmouth, of Brook House, Park-lane, and Mr. Theodore Lumley.

To her son-in-law, Lord Wimborne, testatrix bequeathed the portrait by Henry Graves of her daughter, Cornelia Lady Wimborne, and she bequeathed to her grandson, the present Duke of Marlborough, to be held as heirlooms, two gilt frames containing family miniatures, a portrait of her late husband, painted in 1860 by Henry Graves, a portrait of herself, painted in 1860 by Buchner, a portrait of George Duke of Marlborough, by Saunders, a small painting of John Duke of Marlborough on horseback, a landscape of Tivoli in mosaic, given to her late husband when he was Viceroy of India by Cardinal Callen, and the illustrated album of addresses, in a silver and bog oak box, given to her by the ladies of Ireland in 1880, together with the letter from the Queen accompanying her will, and a large gold ancient repeater, given to her by her father-in-law, George Duke of Marlborough, and inherited by him from his grandfather.

A hope was expressed by the testatrix that her grandson, the Duke, would settle these articles as heirlooms, so that they might remain in the family. It was her intention, the Duchess states in her will, to leave the residue of all that she possessed to her dear son, Randolph Henry Spencer Churchill, but in consequence of the sad bereavement which befel her by his death, she was unable to carry out her intention, and, having settled by deed her mansion house, No. 50 Grosvenor-square, in favour of her daughter, Lady Sarah Wilson, the testatrix bequeathed to her all the effects there, and she left the residue of her property in trust in equal shares for her daughters, Anne, Duchess of Roxburghe, and Rosamond Lady De Ramsey. The late Duchess of Marlborough's personal estate has been valued at £7032.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

(Continued from page 4.)

The ship Torridon takes a discharging berth at M'Ilwraith's Wharf to-day.

The steamer Warrigal is to move to Central Wharf to-day.

Captain Boulden reports that the steamer Coraki crossed the Manning Bar at 11 a.m. on July 26, and arrived in port at 5.30 a.m. on July 27.

The Marine Department of the Board of Trade has notified the Chamber of Shipping that the head of the New York harbour police has arranged that a launch and several police officers shall be kept in future at St. George's, Staten Island; that police assistance shall at once be afforded to ships requiring it; and that on any apprehension of trouble occurring with crimps a police officer shall be put on board on her arrival, if a request to that effect is sent to the harbour police office.

The Neptun Salvage Association, of Stockholm, effected 65 salvage operations, 26 diving operations, and 4 towage jobs during the past working year, and a dividend of 8 per cent. will be paid and a substantial sum carried over to the new account.

MAIL STEAMERS.

The R.M.S. Duke of Buckingham, from Brisbane May 24, arrived at Suez on the 26th, bound London.

THE UNION COMPANY'S LINE.

The Oonah arrived at Wellington from Sydney at daylight yesterday.

The Mokoia leaves Wellington for Sydney to-morrow.

The Wakatipu leaves Lyttelton on Friday for Sydney.

THE BRITISH INDIA COMPANY.

Messrs. Burns, Philp, and Co. have received advice from the B.I.S.N. Company, Calcutta, of the inauguration of an extension of their present service between Calcutta and Singapore to Manila, the first steamer being timed to leave Calcutta on 16th instant, Singapore on August 1, and arrive at Manila on August 7, leaving there on the return voyage on the 11th. The service at present will be three-weekly, though this may afterwards be altered to fortnightly.

THE R.M.S. ORIENTAL.

The P. and O. Company's Oriental is due to-day from London, in command of Captain Josephson. The steamer left London on June 15, meeting with light westerlies across the Bay of Biscay, and arriving at Gibraltar on 19th. Marseilles was entered on 21st, fresh winds and frequent rain squalls being encountered. Passengers were received and departure taken next day in boisterous weather conditions, Port Said being entered on 27th. Here coaling was put through, and overland passengers and mails embarked from the company's fast steamer Isis. The Canal was entered the following morning, and Suez left on 29th. Aden was made on 2nd instant, and left the following morning, a gentle monsoon being experienced between the 3rd and 5th instant, increasing in force until the 8th. Colombo was made on 9th, and on completing the customary transference of passengers the Messageries Maritimes Company's Armand Behic arrived with the loss of a couple of propeller blades. Her mails and passengers for Australia were at once conveyed to the Oriental, which began the "long stretch" same evening. The weather was against fast steaming to the Leeuwin on 19th instant, Albany being entered next day. To Adelaide normal conditions prevailed, magnificent weather being met along the Victorian coast.

THE ARMAND BEHIC.

The French mail steamer Armand Behic is due to-day from Marseilles. The steamer left on June 18, beautiful weather being met in the Mediterranean. Suez was left on 23rd, and considerable heat was experienced down the Red Sea. In the Indian Ocean heavy weather was met, the ship rolling very much. Colombo was entered on July 7, when, in going astern, the propeller fouled a buoy and three blades were bent. Departure was, however, taken, but owing to the strong vibration of the screw it was decided to return. Seven days were taken to replace the blades, and on 11th instant the voyage to Australia commenced. Albany was made on 21st, an average speed of 15 knots per hour having been maintained.

LUND'S LINE.

Messrs. Gilchrist, Watt, and Co. yesterday received cable advice of the departure of the Wilcannia from London on the 25th instant for Australia. The Yarrawonga arrived at London on the 26th instant. The Narrung, from London, is due in Sydney about the 4th proximo.

THE OAKLAND.

The steamer Oakland, which has been aground at the Richmond River for the past few days, was successfully floated during Thursday night.

SHIPPING SALES.

Messrs. Nelson and Robertson yesterday purchased the fine new schooner Whangaroa for general intercolonial trade. This is the vessel whose name came up so prominently in connection with the sighting of the disabled steamer Perthshire.

The Paris was yesterday reported to have changed hands to a Queensland firm.

TRIAL TRIP OF THE TANGAROA.

The steamer Tangaroa, built by Mr. T. F. Morrison, of Pyrmont, for a Napier, New Zealand, owner, was out yesterday for her trial trip. The speed was considered to be satisfactory, as were the weatherly qualities of the boat when she went outside.

SAILING VESSELS DUE.

AT SYDNEY:

Dovenby, barque (MHDK), from Hamburg—91 days.
Hampton, ship, (QLVN), from Sharpness—94 days.
Inchcape Rock, ship (KFRN), from San Francisco—56 days.
Jorgen Bang, barque (JBGS), from Laurvig—134 days.
Largo Bay, barque (RNLQ), from Glasgow—93 days.
Lismore, ship (KGJQ), from Liverpool—106 days.
Pericles, s. (QTFG), from London—78 days.
Port Jackson, four-masted barque (QPLM), from London—105 days.
Tamar, ship (LGDK), from London—86 days.
Victoria, barque (NQBV), from Santos—62 days.

AT NEWCASTLE:

Banda, barque (MCGR), from Table Bay—38 days.
Ellisland, four-masted barque (JLTQ), from Yokohama—50 days.
Irata, barque (JBWL), from Adelaide—6 days.
Nal, four-masted barque, from Zanzibar—50 days.

MESSRS. WILLIAM MILBURN'S NEW STEAMER SURREY.

The following particulars of the Surrey, Messrs. William Milburn's new steamer, have been received by the managing agents, Messrs. Gibbs, Bright, and Co.:—The Surrey is a four-masted steel screw steamer, launched by Messrs. R. and W. Hawthorn, Leslie, and Co., Limited, Hebburn-on-Tyne, to the order of Messrs. William Milburn and Co., London. Her principal dimensions are: Length overall, 475ft.; breadth, 54ft.; depth, 40ft. to shelter deck. The vessel has been built in excess of the highest class at Lloyd's, and includes all the latest ideas and improvements gained by the builders with the great experience they have had in the construction of a numerous fleet of these vessels, the Surrey being the fifteenth of a series of 18 vessels built and building by them for the Australian and New Zealand frozen meat trade. On the shelter deck, amidships, is placed a large steel deckhouse for the accommodation of 12 first-class passengers, with a handsome dining saloon in walnut. The vessel being intended for carrying frozen meat from the colonies, has the whole of her forward, three holds, and 'tween decks insulated, and with refrigerating apparatus on the Goodfellow system. The engines have been built by Messrs. R. and W. Hawthorn, Leslie, and Co., Limited, at their St. Peter's Works, and are triple expansion, with cylinders 30in., 48in., and 78in. in diameter, and 54in. stroke, with three single-ended boilers working at 180lb. pressure.

NARROW ESCAPE OF A BARQUE.

The barquentine Pelotas, from Lyttelton, says the "Wellington Times," has arrived off Kaipara. The captain reports that he could only make out the upper beacon, the lower one not being visible until he was right abreast of it, even with glasses. As his ship got closer in the wind drew more easterly, driving her down close to the North Spit. All sail was put on, and the vessel held up as close as possible. She passed the spit within about 20 yards, being then right in the breakers, with a very heavy sea running. The captain has been at sea for 29 years, and for 15 as master. He says this was the narrowest escape from shipwreck he has ever had. He considers that the lower beacon should be at least three times as large, and the bushes cut away, so that it might be seen clearly. A large buoy off the western end of the southern shoal would be a great benefit to strangers.

STEAM FROM NEW YORK.

Messrs. Gibbs, Bright, and Co. are expecting the steamer Asia from New York in a few days. She brings part general cargo.

The same firm have the Knight of St. George also due, a very fine-looking vessel of her class. Captain Billet, who has charge, reports that the Knight of St. George left New York on May 22, and made a call at St. Vincent on June 2, to replenish her bunkers. She then steamed direct to Adelaide, arriving on the 14th instant. About 1800 tons of cargo having been discharged there, the vessel left for Melbourne and Sydney.

AUSTRALIAN DISPATCH LINE.

Messrs. Davies and Fehon have been advised that the barque Cardigan Castle arrived at Pago Pago (Samoa) on June 11 from San Francisco with a quantity of stores and general cargo for the American Government. She was expected to leave for Sydney about the end of the same month.

The four-masted barquentine Jane L. Stanford sailed from Port Gamble on the 19th ultimo for Port Adelaide with a cargo of oregon.

REWARD FOR SEAMANSHIP.

Captain Whitney, of the steamer Elihu Thomson, was presented with a gold watch and chain and cheque for 500 dollars by the marine underwriters interested in the vessel on May 26, in recognition of his thorough seamanship in bringing his steamer safely into port after the loss of her propeller, and the good judgment displayed by him in declining a tow from passing steamers. The underwriters also handed him a cheque for 250 dollars for division among the men who stood by the vessel and assisted the captain in the trying ordeal.

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A splendid picture of the Morpeth Bridge, Hunter River, appears in this week's Mail.—Advt.

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NORTH SHORE ROWING CLUB.

The twentieth annual meeting of the North Shore Rowing Club was held last evening at the Queen's Hotel, Alfred-street, North Sydney. There was a large number of members present. The president (Mr. Dugald Thomson, M.L.A.) occupied the chair. There were also present—Messrs. T. E. Cresswell (captain), V. Horniman (secretary), and J. E. Woodthorpe (treasurer). The annual report showed the past year was a most successful one, the successes of the club in open races, the regatta ball, and excursion, together with the addition of new boats and the satisfactory financial position, all contributing to the success. At the close of the year there were 56 active and three hon. members. If the club was to flourish it was pointed out that increased endeavour must be made to induce new men to join. It should not be difficult, as the subscriptions were lower and accepted on easier terms than was the case in other clubs in the metropolitan area. The club fleet was never in better order than at present. As after the close of 1899 all four-oared races would be rowed in outrigged boats, the committee decided to order from Jarram, of Victoria, two carvel-built practice outrigged fours. The boats were now in use, and as a result considerable improvement was shown in rowing. In order to meet the expense incurred a sum of £48 was temporarily withdrawn from the building fund. In open racing wins were secured with a maiden eight at N.S.W.R.A. Regatta (October 8, 1898); maiden four at Balmain Regatta (November 9, 1898), maiden four at National Regatta (January 26, 1899), junior eight at Balmain R.C. Regatta (March 4, 1899), and several good seconds. The most important event, however, was the re-entry of the club, after an absence of two years, into senior eight-oar rowing. The entry was made for a one-mile race for the gold cup over the St. Ignatius course, and although a win was not recorded the crew stroked by Mr. F. Moor rowed well. The club regatta on March 18 last was a great success. The club ball resulted in a sum of £24 being carried to the building fund, and the club funds benefited to the extent of £9 13s 10d from the annual excursion. The sum of £106 19s 4d had been expended in the purchase of new boats. The report and balance-sheet were adopted on the motion of Mr. T. E. Creswell. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, Mr. Dugald Thomson, M.L.A.; vice-presidents, Hon. Thomas Dalton, M.L.C., Messrs. J. M. Purves (Mayor of North Sydney), J. R. Love, E. I. Robson, John Carter, John Brindley, Dr. John Hay, W. C. Goddard, E. M. Clark, M.L.A., G. J. Barry, Samuel Cornwell, John Noake, and George Crowley; captain, Mr. T. E. Creswell (re-elected for the twentieth time); hon. secretary, Mr. Vicary Horniman (re-elected for the twentieth time); hon. treasurer, Mr. J. E. Woodthorpe (re-elected); committee, Messrs. H. Bell, Claude Thompson, J. Heron, F. Moore, S. Brooks, P. Hopkins, H. C. Waters, A. Ramsay, A. Thomson, D. Morgan, and Jones; auditors, Messrs. P. C. Day and A. Turnbull. The prizes won at the club regatta were then presented to the successful crews. The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

A BREWER'S WEALTH.

Personal estate has been valued for assessment to the estate duty at £1,007,362 net, and the whole of the estate at £1,116,190 gross, of Mr. Richard Ratcliff, of Stanford Hall, Nottingham, J.P., and D.L., one of the managing directors of Bass, Ratcliff, and Gretton, Limited, of Burton-on-Trent, brewers, who died on November 24 last, aged 68 years. The late Mr. Ratcliff (says the London "Daily Telegraph") bequeathed to his daughters, Evelyn Mary and Eleanor Sarah, £5000 each, and upon trusts for them and for his daughter Constance Lilian £22,000 each. He bequeathed in trust for each other daughter on attainment of the age of 21 years £15,000, and he bequeathed to his wife, Mrs. Constance Mary Ratcliff, a life annuity of £3000. The testator devised Stanford Hall and all other of his real estate in the counties of Nottingham and Leicester to his son Richard Henry, and he bequeathed to his said son the effects at Stanford Hall and ordinary share capital of Bass, Ratcliff, and Gretton, Limited, of the nominal value of £100,000; but if at the time of his death the testator should not be possessed of ordinary shares to that amount, their value is to be taken at £500 for each £100 share, or five times as much as their nominal value, and the difference is to be made up to his said son upon that valuation.

REDFERN BICYCLE CLUB.

The following are the handicaps for the club's Five-mile Road Race over the Sans Souci course on Saturday afternoon:—

O. S. De Lissa, F. A. Clark, scratch; O. H. Bell, C. A. Cameron, O. F. Longmuir, 20 seconds; H. E. Lee, W. T. Field, G. W. Pulford, 30 seconds; H. Martindale, J. Donohoe, 55 seconds; W. A. Maidment, C. Bailey, J. Wilson, 1 minute; J. Ashdown, F. T. Platt, D. Webster, 1 minute 5 seconds; A. Constable, A. Stuart, W. Bardsley, 1 minute 10 seconds; S. S. Newton, A. T. Smith, 1 minute 15 seconds; A. Horn, J. C. Berry, C. Tory, 1 minute 20 seconds; B. A. Perry, O. V. Daley, J. Todd, 1 minute 25 seconds; F. Riley, Nicholls, S. F. Johnston, 1 minute 30 seconds; C. Murphy, 1 minute 50 seconds; G. Towle, 2 minutes; C. Mosman, 2 minutes 10 seconds; W. H. Stevens, 2 minutes 20 seconds. The limit man will start at 3.45 sharp from foot of Arncliffe-hill, Rockdale side.

The following are the officials for the road race:—Judges, E. C. Griffiths, J. Hayes, G. F. Andrews; starters, J. C. Cameron, J. J. Meagher; timekeepers, S. B. Wyatt, A. J. Griffiths, and A. G. Cameron; referees, O. H. Bell, A. H. Clark, at the Rockdale tram crossing; J. L. Fraser, H. B. Tietjin, at turn off Tom Ugly's-road; C. Daley, J. F. Babbington, and G. Todd, on course.

Mr. Caton Woodville has had the honour of submitting for the Queen's inspection his picture, "At Last," which bears upon the frame a copy of the last entry in General Gordon's journal, dated December 14: "I have done the best I could for the honour of my country."

The Departure of the Union Company's Walkure for the Coral Seas is illustrated in this week's Mail.—Advt.

The Trial of the sailing craft Southern Cross last Saturday is illustrated in this week's Mail.—Advt.

THE FAR EAST.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LAWLESSNESS.

HONGKONG, July 4.

Ever since the taking over of the new territory, and the disturbances consequent thereon, Hongkong has been in a state of great lawlessness. We have had ladies robbed by armed men within hail of the main street of the city, gang robberies have increased, and the last criminal sessions lasted from Monday until the Tuesday of the next week, instead of being disposed of in a couple or three days at the outside. To make matters worse, our police force has been considerably weakened on account of the number of men sent into the new territory, and so evil disposed persons have a very much better chance of carrying out their designs and escaping scot free than formerly. Of course steps are being taken to engage more men for the police, but the authorities, instead of increasing the force prior to the occupation of the new territory, waited until it had been taken over and then started to look for fresh men, with the result that an inferior class are being engaged, and the force cannot but be expected to deteriorate in efficiency. One thing which strikes one is that the Government still continues to employ Chinese constables in spite of their manifest inferiority to Sikhs or Europeans. Our Sikh and European police are a very fine body of men, but the Chinese are useless. A Chinese constable either stands and looks calmly on while a row is in progress, or, if he fears that his services may be required, finds that he has urgent business in an opposite direction. It is not the least use appealing to him as to the fare to be paid to a ricksha coolie or to ask him the whereabouts of a certain street; all he can do is to murmur "No savvey" and move on with an injured expression as though he had been subjected to some great insult. The Chinese policeman does not even look smart; he keeps himself clean, but slouches and lolls about the whole time he is on duty and chats with the shopkeepers or hawkers on his beat, now and again helping himself to a piece of fruit from a stall. Of course there are exceptions to the rule, but they are few and far between.

BAD WEATHER.

We have just experienced the tail end of a typhoon which passed to the south of the colony. Luckily we do not often experience the full force of one, but even the tail end is bad enough. Directly a typhoon is within 600 miles of the colony a storm signal is hoisted by the Observatory showing its direction, and when it has approached to within 300 miles the signal is changed from red to black, and a scene of great activity ensues amongst the small craft in the harbour. The black signal does not necessarily mean that we shall have a typhoon in the colony, but it can be generally taken to mean a blow, and so precautions have to be taken. If a strong gale is expected one gun is fired, and two if the wind is expected to reach typhoon force—a velocity of 80 miles an hour. When the black signal goes up all work in the harbour ceases; the junks, cargo-boats, and sampans immediately hurry off for some place of shelter, crowds going into a refuge which has been specially constructed at the eastern end of the harbour for the purpose, and others seeking shelter in the various bays or behind the islands. The steam launches reap a rich harvest by towing, and it is no uncommon sight to see a launch towing from 30 to 40 craft of various sizes to shelter. The harbour quickly becomes bare of small craft, and then if the warning gun is fired the steamers get up steam and leave their moorings for some sheltered nook, where they can ride out the blow in safety, only those possessed of exceptional power and very good ground tackle riding it out in the harbour, and then only under steam. The sailing ships are, of course, helpless, but take the precaution to send down as many yards as possible and lay out extra anchors. Then the wind grows stronger and stronger, with tremendous squalls and torrents of rain. Nobody can venture out, and all the houses have to be barred and bolted up, as, if the wind once gets inside, the roof goes. In 1894 and 1896 we had bad typhoons, but have been free since then. Only once, in 1874, has the centre of a typhoon passed over the colony, and then the danger was immense. Hardly a ship escaped, houses were blown down all over the place, and the loss of life was appalling. It is not likely that this will occur again, at least so far as the shipping is concerned, for the Observatory now gives ample warning and the ships are enabled to make all possible preparations. Those who have never seen a typhoon generally laugh at the idea of its being worse than an ordinary gale, but when you have seen the wind reach a velocity of 108 miles an hour and had your house blown down, as I have, you gain a certain amount of respect for a typhoon.

THE PLAGUE.

This year we are having more than our fair share of plague. In former years the maximum number of cases has been reached in May, and it was thought that as the weather grew hotter there would be a falling off in the number of cases each day. After the end of May the daily cases certainly declined considerably, but they soon commenced to mount up again, and are now higher than ever. So far this year only three Europeans have contracted the disease, and these, I am glad to say, are all recovering. A supply of Haffkine's serum has been obtained and inoculations are performed gratuitously by the Government medical officers, but the Chinese have no faith in it and will not offer themselves voluntarily for treatment. I am unable to say whether or no the sanitary inspectors have been inoculated. The Chinese theatres in Hongkong have been closed on account of the epidemic, but the authorities have foolishly allowed a couple of temporary theatres to be opened on the Kowloon Peninsula, with the result that the plague has increased there, and Kowloon has been declared an infected area. I am told that no less than four dead bodies were found in one of these theatres after a performance, the men having dropped under the seats and died of plague where they fell. It is probable that we only have about one third of the plague cases occurring in the colony recorded, as the Chinese invariably attempt to conceal the disease, and if a man dies the body is as often as not carried out and left in the street, and so it is impossible to discover the house from whence it came.

MORE TAXATION.

The administration of the new territory will necessitate a considerable increase in the expenditure of the colony, and the authorities are now putting their heads together for the purpose of discovering the best means of raising the money for the purpose. A bill has been brought forward in the Legislative Council for increasing the rents of wharfs, but has met with so much opposition that it has been withdrawn. It was proposed to raise wharf rents to such an extent that they would have been higher than the Crown rents of the most expensive town lots in the colony. Another bill provides for the raising of the price of a license to deal in arms from 10dol. to 12,000dol. Needless to say this has also been withdrawn for the time being. The local papers ironically suggest that all taxes shall be multiplied by six in order that the ideas of the officials with regard to increased taxation may be carried out. One great objection which the public have to the increase of the rent of wharfs is that it will be an indirect tax on shipping and will tend to render Hongkong less of a free port.

THE JUBILEE-ROAD.

In order to have a permanent memorial of the 60-years' reign of her Majesty the Queen, the public of Hongkong subscribed some ninety thousand odd dollars, the Government subscribing a similar amount, for the purpose of building a hospital, and making a road round the island. Neither of these projects has as yet been carried out. There may be some prospect of the hospital becoming an accomplished fact before long, but the Jubilee-road seems to have been relegated to the background for the present. The track has been surveyed, but nothing else has been done, and people are beginning to ask how long it will be before they are to have any return for the money they have subscribed. Hongkong is not by any means a go-ahead place. It took 10 years to get the 1887 Jubilee Statue erected, and to all appearances it will be 20 years hence before we see a start made on the Jubilee-road.

THE FLEET.

The summer cruise has now commenced, and the result is that we are left with only two small gunboats, the Pigmy and Plover, in Hongkong. All the ships that can possibly be spared have joined in the cruise, which is to last until the end of August, and take in all the principal ports of Japan, the extreme north of China and Siberia. All the ships are in first-class order at present, and we have none refitting or repairing.

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AUSTRALIAN PRODUCE IN BRITISH MARKETS.

LONDON, June 23.

In December last I gave some information about the cold storage of small fruits, such as strawberries, raspberries, currants, and cherries, founded upon a series of experiments conducted by Mr. W. P. Wright, F.R.H.S., superintendent of horticulture to the Kent County Council in England. Mr. Wright has lately published his experiments on the cold storage of apples, pears, grapes, and peaches, and, believing that they are valuable to the fruit-growers of New South Wales, I give a short resume of the experiments. The conditions of storage, temperature, &c., were fully explained in my former letter.

Mr. Wright concentrated his attention principally upon the popular but non-keeping varieties of apples. It is well known that some of the best varieties are notoriously bad keepers, while others keep fairly well in an ordinary fruit chamber. For this reason it was desirable to select principally the bad keepers, although a few good keeping varieties were tried. As regards apples two chambers were mainly used and the temperatures at which they were kept were 32° Fah. and 36° Fah. respectively. Although in a few instances a third chamber kept at 30° Fah. was used. This lower temperature showed no advantage over the others, and though it was kept two degrees below the freezing point of water, Mr. Wright says he "saw no evidence that the lowest temperature was absolutely harmful." In the main he thinks 36° Fah. is the best temperature. The following are the names and results of some of the varieties experimented with:—Blenheim Orange kept perfectly sound; the Cardinal, a new sort, of attractive appearance, proved a comparative failure, keeping sound only five weeks; Chelmsford Wonder, a comparatively new sort, was stored on October 8, and on March 15 was as hard as nails; Colonel Vaughan, stored October 8, was good in middle of March; Cox's Orange Pippin, kept splendidly for five months; Duchess's Favourite, known also as Duchess of Gloucester, and Scarlet Incomparable were quite sound after five and a half months in store, though one sample of this variety did not keep nearly so well. The Duchess of Oldenburg was stored on September 17, and that placed in the chamber at 36° Fah. had to be destroyed at the end of November. Some placed in the chamber at 32° Fah. kept three weeks longer. Early Julian was stored on September 17, but decayed at the end of November. Mr. Wright sums up his apple experiments thus: Most of the leading early dessert sorts were tried, and with one or two exceptions, they kept until the end of January. A temperature of 36° Fah. is the most generally suitable. No covering of the fruit is necessary. Quite ripe fruit did not keep so well as that which was fully grown and coloured, but not quite ripe. The slightest bruise was fatal to keeping.

In pears Mr. Wright selected a limited number of well known or promising market varieties such as Conference, which was stored on October 8 at 36° Fah. and 32 Fah., and was perfectly sound at the middle of March, though it is mostly over by Christmas. The Doyenne du Comice, a most delicious pear, was stored in both chambers on September 17, and kept admirably under all conditions until the middle of March. Fertility was exactly similar to Conference. The Pitmaston Duchess, a large, handsome, and much esteemed market pear, was stored on September 17, and after four months was quite good. The Williams Bon Chretien, known in British markets as Williams, and in American as Bartlett, is an early pear and a bad keeper, and Mr. Wright was astonished at it keeping four months in cold store. The fruit in the chamber at 36° Fah. did not keep so well as that at 32° and 30°. He thinks if it had been quite ripe when stored it would not have kept half so long. The summary of the pear experiments states there appeared to be little to choose between temperatures of 36°, 32°, and 30°. Though the balance might perhaps lean to a slightly lower temperature than apples (36°), for all practical purposes the two fruits might be said to agree. Coverings are not necessary. The fruit must be stored before it is fully ripe. Care must be taken to avoid bruising. Fruit may be kept three to four months at least.

The grapes selected were the two varieties known as Black Hamburg and Muscat of Alexandria, and stored on August 27. The Muscats began to go off at the beginning of November; the Hamburgs were good a little longer, but lost their fresh, inviting appearance. The samples covered with grease-proof paper were much superior to those exposed or those covered with cottonwool. There was a slight superiority in the low temperature of 32° Fah.

Three sorts of peaches were selected, viz., Crimson Galande, Royal George, and Lady Palmerston. The results of the trials were rather conflicting. Royal George kept well for two months at 32° F., but went off at a higher temperature. Lady Palmerston kept well for two months at 32° F. Crimson Galande went rotten at 36° F., but kept in excellent condition when not quite ripe and stored at 32° F. The flavour, however, of all was injured, being poor, and the flesh woolly. It is evident that 32° degrees is the best condition for peaches.

New Line of Steamers to Australia.—The information given in this column on May 12 regarding the new line of steamers to be established between Australian ports and Liverpool has now been officially made public. The White Star Australian service will load from Liverpool direct to Australia, but on the return voyage they will load back to London and Liverpool, calling at South Africa both out and home. The refrigerating space in each steamer is constructed to carry about 86,000 carcases of mutton, and the cooling medium will be brine on Hall's carbonic anhydride system. The vessels are built specially as cargo boats, and will carry only third-class passengers.

New South Wales Poultry.—A second consignment of frozen ducks from New South Wales has arrived in the Moravian, and Messrs. Brooke Brothers are selling them at prices ranging from 2s 4d to 2s 9d. They are of very good quality, but the packing is irregular, the best birds in each crate being on the top layer. The market this week for ducks has improved owing to the introduction of green peas on the tables of the middle classes.

Sydney Frozen Meat Combination.—The representatives of the freezing companies now in London have completed a scheme for the consolidation of sales of mutton and beef in this country that must be beneficial to trade. A part of the scheme is to erect slaughtering works at Blacktown, and from this establishment the meat will be sent to the existing freezing works of the Pastoral Finance Association and the Fresh Food and Ice Company. Whether Mr. Richards, of the Riverstone works, is in the combination has not been revealed, but Messrs. Geddes, Birt, and Co. are in it, and their firm will in future be known under the name of Messrs. Birt and Co., Ltd.

Frozen Meat Market.—The only strong feature in the frozen meat trade is the lamb business, which is doing well. There is just now a ready sale for best Canterbury lamb at prices ranging from 5¾d to 6d per lb., while secondary qualities of New Zealand make from 5¼d to 5½d. Australian lamb is really nominal at 4½d to 5¼d. The mutton trade is very quiet. In beef forequarters are very little in demand, and hinds are difficult to sell at 2¼d to 2½d per lb.

THE MOORE-STREET BETTERMENT AMENDMENT ACT.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—The Act of 1890, now sought to be amended, has been commented on by counsel—such as Barton, Sly, Cullen, Lingen, A. H. Simpson (now Equity Judge)—in terms tending to entitle it as "the masterpiece of incongruity." It provides:—

1. For the making of Moore-street.
2. An assessment and rate.
3. An assessment book.
4. Power to appeal.
5. Power to collect rate.

In the first case the street has not been made as promised—100ft. in width—although nearly nine years have elapsed. The corporation have not performed their contract.

2. Personal application has been made at the Town Hall to view the assessment made by the assessors, but the same could not be produced.

3. The book has been prepared—a compilation of errors.

4. No court of appeal has ever been appointed, although the city solicitor in charge of the bill repeatedly assured appellants that he would have it called.

5. The bulk of owners could not see how to appeal, but due notices of appeal have been given.

6. The present Act gives the corporation all the powers sought by their legal advisers, and they have been invited to exercise them. All the laches hitherto lie on their side, and they now ask for a statute to ignore their actions, set aside the rights of parties, and make a lump charge of eight years' arrears of rates upon properties of some of which the owners now hear of the Moore-street betterment rate for the first time.

I would point out that the owners of the betterment area had no opportunity of testing, contesting, or being heard in any way upon the value of the properties resumed by the council; yet, forsooth, they are called upon to pay 50 per cent. of the purchase money and then be rated under an assessment which is an enigma, and against which appeals are to be dispensed with by the proposed Act.

Where lies the increase in value? The property I represent is now charged with taxes, rates, and charges, exclusive of repairs, up to 38 per cent. of the full rental, assuming the same to be always let; another owner has to pay 40 per cent. of his rental to the council for betterment rate only; while the rents derived from a terrace of houses in the area were insufficient to pay the betterment, which latter was reduced by the council.

I am certain that all interested are willing to submit to fair imposts; but it is to be hoped that all the fair-minded members of our Parliament will not grant to the Sydney Corporation the very arbitrary powers asked for, at any rate until they comply with their part of the contract by making the street a fair assessment, and applying for a court of appeal to modify the same in necessary cases.

July 26. I am, &c., A. T. FLEAY.

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LAW REPORT.

THURSDAY, JULY 27.

BANCO COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice Stephen, Mr. Justice Owen, and Mr. Justice Walker.)

CONTRIBUTION TO LAND TAX.

Houison and others v. Metropolitan Mutual Permanent Building and Investment Association, Limited (part heard).

Dr. Sly and Mr. J. L. Campbell, instructed by Mr. Elliott Meyer, appeared for the defendants in support of a motion to make absolute a rule nisi to set aside the verdict for the plaintiffs, and for a new trial. Mr. Pilcher, Q.C., and Mr. Garland, instructed by Messrs. Norton, Smith, and Co., appeared for the plaintiffs to oppose the application. It appeared that the plaintiffs, Andrew Houison, Thomas Clayton, and Frederick Resolute Strange, sued the defendants under the 12th section of the Land and Income Tax Assessment Act to recover amount of contribution alleged to be due by them for land tax in respect of certain land at the Glebe leased by the defendants from the plaintiffs in 1881 for a term of 50 years. The action was tried before Mr. Justice Cohen and a jury of four in March last, and, by consent, a verdict was entered for the plaintiffs in the sum of £230 19s 11d. The defendant association now appealed on the following grounds:—1. That the verdict was against the evidence properly admissible in the case. 2. That the plaintiffs should have been nonsuited. 3. That on the facts and the evidence properly admissible in the case and the law applicable thereto the defendants are entitled to a verdict. 4. And that on the evidence properly admissible in the case the amount of the verdict exceeds the amount which the plaintiffs are entitled to recover.

The argument upon the question whether under the circumstances of the case the defendants were legally liable to land tax contribution was resumed and concluded and the Court reserved judgment.

(Before the Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Stephen, and Mr. Justice Owen.)

APPEAL IN AN ACTION FOR ALLEGED TRESPASS.

Zobel v. Croudace.

Mr. J. L. Campbell, instructed by Mr. A. Nicholson, appeared for the plaintiff in support of an application for a rule nisi to set aside the nonsuit granted by Mr. Justice Owen on June 4 last. Mr. C. B. Stephen, before the nature of the case was explained to the Court, took the objection that the appellant had failed to comply with the rule of court which directed that within eight days after receiving the copy of the Judge's notes he should file four copies of the same with the Prothonotary, unless in the meantime an extension of time was granted.

The Court held that the objection was a fatal one, and directed the case to be struck out. The Chief Justice also pointed out that the memorandum of appeal contained the ground "that his Honor was in error in nonsuiting the plaintiff," which the Court had held over and over again was not a sufficient ground.

MOTION TO COMPEL A PLAINTIFF TO RECEIVE HIS AWARD.

M'Sharry v. Commissioners of Railways.

Mr. C. B. Stephen, instructed by the Crown Solicitor, appeared for the defendants, and moved for a rule nisi calling for the plaintiff James M'Sharry to show cause why defendants should not be at liberty to pay him £13,408, the amount of the award, together with interest at the rate of 8 per cent.; or, in the event of plaintiff refusing to accept the amount, that defendants should be at liberty to pay the award with interest added into Court for the plaintiff, with leave to enter satisfaction on the record pro tanto.

The Chief Justice: What is the reason of the refusal to accept the amount of the award and interest?

Mr. Stephen said he believed it was because the Act of Parliament gave 8 per cent. interest on the award until satisfaction was entered on the record. In the first M'Sharry case, which was a comparatively small matter, involving an arbitration lasting only 60 days, it took 11 years to complete the taxation of costs.

The Chief Justice: How many appeals to the Privy Council there were in that case?

Mr. Stephen said there were two. The second arbitration lasted 323 days, and the attorney for the plaintiff refused to accept the amount of the award and the accrued interest, which now amounted to £800, because, inasmuch as in the first case the taxation of costs extended over 11 years, the taxation in the present matter would probably also last for a long period, and the plaintiff, unless the Court interfered, would be entitled to 8 per cent. interest on the award and costs from the time of entering up judgment until satisfaction was entered upon the roll. There were issues found in favour of each side, so that not only would the plaintiff bring in a bill of costs, but the defendants also. The defendants did not want to alter the plaintiff's position at all, but they said it was an abuse of the process of the court to refuse to take the money which the Commissioners were ready and willing to hand over at any moment. In the affidavit of Mr. Curtis (of the Crown Solicitor's office), which was filed in support of the application, he set out a letter received from Mr. M'Loughlin, the solicitor of the plaintiff, in which he referred to the fact that the first case was not concluded for 11 years, and pointed out that though the plaintiff accepted certain instalments of the award, the interest on the total sum amounted to £4000, and that as it was not likely that his client would accept any instalment of the present award, the Crown would have to pay interest until the costs were taxed and satisfaction of judgment entered on the roll.

The Chief Justice: I should think it is very well worth while for the Crown to give consideration to Mr. M'Loughlin's letter and the proposal made in it, and so get rid of the balance of interest.

Mr. Stephen said that if the sum claimed was a reasonable one no doubt the Crown would consider it, but the sum demanded was so vastly disproportionate to the award that the Crown could not see its way to accept the proposal. The award was £13,408, and the claim set up in the arbitration amounted to £150,000. He might say that if a settlement could be arrived at the defendants were quite willing to arrange the matter, and as a matter of fact negotiations for a settlement were proceeding; but in the meantime they thought the plaintiff ought to receive the amount of his award with interest to date as already stated.

Mr. Justice Stephen: What is stopping the taxation?

Mr. Stephen: They have not brought in their bill of costs yet, though judgment was entered up in October last. We admit, however, that it will take a long time to make out the bill, and defendants do not want to pay interest on the award during the time that taxation is going on.

Rule granted, returnable on Monday week.

THE MERCADOOL CASE.

Re James Wilson and the Crown Lands Acts (Minister for Lands appellant).

On the motion of Mr. Canaway final leave was given to the Minister for Lands to appeal to the Privy Council against the decision of the Full Court in this matter, given last Term.

A REAL PROPERTY MATTER.

Re E. C. Batt and others (Duffin and another caveators).

Mr. Canaway, who appeared for the applicants, said that this matter had been settled. It was therefore struck out of the list.

APPLICATION FOR ATTACHMENT.

Re George Frederick.

On the motion of Mr. Shand a rule absolute for a writ of attachment was granted with costs against George Frederick for non-payment of £13 9s 4d, costs incurred in his unsuccessful application against a firm of solicitors. The Court, however, directed that the rule should lie in the office for a month.

EQUITY COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice A. H. Simpson.)

INCANDESCENT GASBURNERS.

Australasian Incandescent Gaslight Company, Limited, v. Laban (part heard).

Mr. Leverrier, instructed by Mr. Brereton, appeared for the plaintiff company, the Australasian Incandescent Gaslight Company, Limited; and Mr. Langer Owen, instructed by Mr. W. E. V. Robson, appeared for the defendant, Thomas Laban. The object of this suit was to obtain a perpetual injunction to restrain the defendant from manufacturing or selling hoods or mantles which the plaintiff company alleged were an infringement of their patent. Defendant denied infringement.

The evidence was concluded.

His Honor said he would hear addresses of counsel on a future day.

BANKRUPTCY COURT.

(Before the Registrar, Mr. A. Henry.)

CERTIFICATE APPLICATIONS.

Re Henry Benjamin Waterhouse. No appearance. On application of the official assignee adjourned to August 10.

Re Percy Vincent Baker. No appearance. No answer to report. Adjourned to August 10, and bankrupt to be informed he must file affidavit in reply.

Re Mary Priscilla Langford. Mr. Buchanan for bankrupt. Report read. Certificate ordered to issue.

Re John Edmund Rutledge. Mr. Murphy for bankrupt. Report read. Certificate ordered to issue.

Re August Christian Geyer. No appearance. No answer to report. Bankrupt required to file affidavit in reply. Adjourned to August 24.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION.

Re Charles Simon. On application of official assignee adjourned to August 24.

SINGLE MEETINGS.

Re Samuel Hickling Wilkes. Bankrupt examined by official assignee. Public examination declared closed.

Re John Thomas Hope. Bankrupt examined by official assignee. On application of Mr. Windeyer, for bankrupt, adjourned to August 10.

Re Alexander Marshall. Bankrupt examined by official assignee. Public examination declared closed.

Re Jabez Sheldon. Bankrupt examined by official assignee. Mr. J. D. Sly appeared for bankrupt. Public examination closed.

Re John Anderson. Bankrupt examined by official assignee. Public examination declared closed.

CREDITORS' PETITIONS.

Armitage Wilkinson and William Wallace, trading as Wallace and Co., Sydney, merchants versus Frederick M. Abrahams, 204 George-street, Sydney. Hearing fixed for August 4.

George Barker, Murrurundi, engine-driver versus W. J. M'Allister, Woodlands, near Narromine, near Dubbo. Hearing fixed for August 11.

CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice Cohen and juries of 12.)

Mr. C. G. Wade was the Crown Prosecutor.

ASSAULT.

George Cook, a young man, was charged with having assaulted a man. He was found guilty of an attempted assault, and was remanded for sentence.

ALLEGED STEALING.

Augustus Robey, Walter Sealey, and James Robinson were arraigned on an indictment charging them with having stolen one sulky, the property of Ernest Field. There was a second count of receiving. They pleaded not guilty.

Mr. Gannon, instructed by Mr. Crick, appeared for the accused Robinson.

The case for the Crown was that Field, having made the sulky himself, had exceptional opportunities of knowing the peculiar structural points of the vehicle. He kept it in a livery stable near the Belmore Markets. On June 22 three men drove up to the livery stable in a red-coloured sulky, unharnessed their horse, attached it to Field's sulky, and drove away. A short while afterwards, the same day, according to the evidence of one witness, Robey and Sealey took the sulky to a man named Hill, and endeavoured to sell it, but failed. Field, going to the stable in the afternoon, missed the sulky, and gave information to the police. The next day Field and the police went to the stables of the accused Robinson and there saw a sulky which Field claimed as his. Already, according to Field, the sulky had been materially altered, but by marks which Field pointed out in court he claimed the vehicle as his. Robinson's version was that he had had the sulky in his yard for some months. Robey and Sealey denied having any knowledge of the sulky. Field in his evidence said that one of the shafts of his sulky was ash and the other hardwood. An expert who was called for the prosecution said that both of the shafts of the sulky found in Robinson's yard were hickory.

The case had not concluded when the Court rose.

LAW NOTICES.

SUPREME COURT.—Friday, July 28.

Term List.—Demurrers and special cases: Morgan and others v. Cliff and another, special case; Haynes v. Borough of Grafton, demurrer; in re Dalgety and Co., Limited, and Crown Lands Acts of 1884, 1889, and 1895 (Minister for Lands appellant), special case; in re Charles Baldwin and Crown Lands Acts of 1884, 1889, and 1895 (Minister for Lands appellant), special case; Ricketson and another v. Cook, demurrer.

In Equity.—Before his Honor the Chief Judge in Equity.—At 10 a.m.: Motions generally—Brooks v. Kelly, motion for payment out; T. Moloney, intestate deceased and Conveyancing Law of Property Act, summons for appointment of guardian; Halliday v. M'Mahon, motion for appointment of guardian; Maurice v. Josephson, motion to dismiss suit; Minister for Public Works and claim of Nathan Cohen, petition for payment out; re will of E. C. Merewether and Conveyancing Law of Property Act, petition for leave to dedicate road; Moss v. Moss, motion for leave to mortgage; Minister for Public Works and Webb, motion for order for taxation; George v. Blow, motion for decree; Stokes v. Klaeby, further consideration; Fatzons v. Ball, motion to appoint guardian; Carmichael v. Ryan, further consideration; Melliday v. M'Mahon, summons for further affidavit of discovery; Terry v. Terry, motion for decree; Mount David Gold-mining Company v. Maguire, motion for payment out; re A. A. V. Galbraith and another, infants, summons for maintenance. Before the Master in Equity.—At 10 a.m.: Company matters, lunacy matters. At 2 p.m.: Mutual Life Association v. Palmer, to settle minutes of decree; Cropper v. Palmer, to settle minutes of decree; Williams v. Scott, to approve of bond; same v. same, to approve of order. At 2.30 p.m.: Casey v. Thompson, to deal with objections to plaintiff's costs. At 3 p.m.: Ewan v. Ewan, for directions.

Before the Deputy Registrar.—At 11 a.m.: Ex parte John Lackey and L. P. Act, adjourned taxation. At 2 p.m.: Karai Vermont Gold-mining Company, to tax costs.

Prothonotary's Office.—Before the Prothonotary.—Macdonald v. Molesworth and another, 11; Mulholland v. M'Intyre, 2.30; Hegarty v. Willis, 3.30.

Chamber List.—Before his Honor Mr. Justice Simpson.—At 9.30 a.m.: Assets Realisation Company v. Paithen, Newcastle and H. R. S.S. Company, Limited, garnishees; Ramsay v. Saffey, A. Z. Ma'out claimant.

Probate Jurisdiction.—Before his Honor the Probate Judge.—At 10.30 a.m.: Motions for Probate and Administration, motions to pass accounts and commission, motions to sell real estate, &c. Miscellaneous Motions—Before the Deputy Registrar.—To pass accounts, at 11: O. Fraser, Patrick Gooley, Henry Moore, Colin J. Ross.

In Bankruptcy.—Before the Registrar in Bankruptcy.—At 11 a.m., hearing of creditors' petitions: George Alexander Grant v. Miss O'Sullivan, George Wallace Nicoll v. Herman Paul Sabel, re Jabez Sheldon, examination under section 30. Before the Chief Clerk in Bankruptcy.—At 2.30 p.m.: Re Edward Hayes Symonds, costs of the official assignee.

CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT.—July 28.

Augustus Robey, Walter Sealy, and James Robinson, stealing and receiving (part heard).

Notice.—The attendance of the jurors summoned for to-day is dispensed with altogether.

POLICE COURTS.

Stealing Scent.—At the Central Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Delohery, S.M., John St. Aubyn, 36, an actor, was fined 40s, or in default 21 days' imprisonment, for stealing a bottle of scent, value 4s, the property of Henry E. Rose, 551 George-street.

Assaulting the Police.—At the Central Police Court yesterday, Peter Dusty (alias James M'Callum), 31, a miner, was charged with assaulting Constable James Arnold whilst in the execution of his duty. Accused, it was stated, rushed at the constable, who was endeavouring to convey another prisoner to the police station, and struck him, causing such injuries as incapacitated him from duty for several days. Accused was sentenced to six months' imprisonment.

Threats.—At the Redfern Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Wilshire, S.M., Peter Stalk was charged with having threatened Sydney Rosebridge, whereby the latter apprehended violence. The accused was ordered to find sureties to be of good behaviour for six months, failing to do so to be imprisoned for seven days.

Charge of Theft.—At the Redfern Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Wilshire, S.M., Annie Waddell, aged 39, was charged with having stolen a cab-lamp, of the value of 15s, the property of Michael Martin, on the 20th instant. A fine of 20s, in default 21 days was imposed.

Breaches of the Municipal Bylaws.—At the Redfern Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Wilshire, S.M., Michael Flannery was proceeded against by the municipal inspector for Waterloo for having allowed offensive matter to remain on his premises, viz., the carcase of four pigs, two of which had been there for a week and two for four days. He was ordered to pay a fine of 20s, in default levy and distress. At the same court the same inspector also proceeded against John Johnson for having cast rubbish, to wit, a quantity of building refuse, upon Crescent-street, Waterloo, on the 7th instant. Defendant was fined 20s, in default levy and distress. The same inspector also proceeded against Henry Walker on a charge of having cast rubbish, viz., a quantity of building refuse on Dowling-street, Waterloo, on the 20th instant. The defendant was fined 20s, in default levy and distress.

Breach of the Licensing Act.—At the Redfern Police Court yesterday before Mr. Wilshire, S.M., Thomas Tierney, licensee of the Rose of Denmark Hotel, Pitt-street, Waterloo, was proceeded against by Sub-inspector Garland for having sold liquor on his licensed premises at 6 p.m. on Sunday, July 23, to persons other than lodgers, inmates, or travellers, and William Strahn was charged with having been found in the act of leaving the Rose of Denmark Hotel at the hour stated with liquor in his possession, he not being a traveller within the meaning of the Act. The licensee was fined 20s, and 5s 6d costs, in default seven days' gaol; and Strahn, for leaving with the liquor, was fined 1s, and 5s 6d costs, in default six hours' cells.

Bad Language.—At the Redfern Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Wilshire, S.M., Mary Lewis was charged with having used indecent language at midnight on July 22, in Kettle-street, Waterloo. A fine of £1 and 4s 10d costs was imposed, in default seven days' gaol.

Theft of Vegetables.—At the North Sydney Police Court yesterday, before Mr. MacNevin, D.S.M., Ah Chong, a market gardener, proceeded against Robert Foran, Reuben Dew, and Hugh Gallagher for having stolen a quantity of vegetables growing in a garden at Chatswood on the 23rd instant. The charge was considered proved, and fines in each case were inflicted of 36s 6d, with costs 3s 6d, or in default 21 days' imprisonment.

An Assault Case.—At the Paddington Police Court yesterday, before Mr. F. S. Isaacs, S.M., John Paton Gillan, formerly licensee of the Coachman's Arms Hotel, Oxford-street, Paddington, was charged with assaulting Herbert Towle. Defendant was fined £3, with 4s 10d costs, or in default two months' imprisonment. The fine was paid.

CENTRAL LICENSING COURT.

An adjourned sitting of the Central Licensing Court was held yesterday before Mr. Delohery, S.M. (chairman) and Messrs. Smithers, S.M., and Penny, L.M. The hearing was resumed of an application from James J. Cook for a publican's conditional license for premises proposed to be erected at the corner of Percival-road and Temple-street, Stanmore. The application was opposed by Sub-inspector Elliott on the grounds that the reasonable requirements of the district did not justify the granting of any such license, and also by Mr. W. E. V. Robson, who appeared on behalf of a large number of residents of the locality, who presented a petition containing 238 signatures of people residing in the immediate vicinity. Mr. Doyle stated that a conditional license was granted for the proposed premises three years ago, but the plans being found too extensive and costly owing to the financial depression, the hotel was not erected. The proposal now was to expend about £2500 in building a hotel containing 35 rooms. Since the previous application had been made 500 houses had been erected in the neighbourhood. Mr. Robson called a number of residents as witnesses in opposition to the application, including two clergymen. The presiding magistrate said in view of the fact that the conditional license was granted three years ago, the application not being then opposed, and the population had since increased, the Bench had decided to grant the application. The application was granted accordingly.

WATER LICENSING COURT.

At the Water Licensing Court yesterday, before Mr. G. H. Smithers, S.M., the application of Daniel Collin for the transfer of the license held for Collins' Hotel, George-street, to Frank Watson was granted.

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MINING DEVELOPMENT.

The annual report of the Under-Secretary of the Department of Mines, laid on the table of the Assembly on Wednesday, shows that in spite of the drawbacks encountered by reason of the severe and continuous drought experienced during the last few years the mineral resources of the colony have been energetically and steadily developed. The estimated aggregate value of the mineral output for the year was £4,866,997, being £138,727 in excess of that for the preceding year.

The following are the principal items which go towards making up the aggregate value above given:—Silver, silver-lead, and ore, £1,704,053; coal, £1,271,832; gold, £1,241,230; copper, £280,887; opal, £80,000; tin, £60,600; shale, £31,834. The balance is accounted for by the output of zinc spelter, lead (pig), chrome, diamonds, platinum, and other minerals. The total number of men employed in all classes of mining in the colony during 1898 was 40,930 as compared with 41,280 in 1897, showing a decrease of 378. This slight decrease, however, is explained by the diminution which has taken place in the number of alluvial miners, there being no fewer than 389 Europeans and 138 Chinese less than in 1897. The great scarcity of water experienced throughout the various mineral districts has, no doubt, had its effect in diminishing the numbers engaged in alluvial work, but it is thought that the decrease noted has, to a large extent, been caused by a returning general prosperity, which has absorbed in other and more staple occupation a large number of alluvial workers. The copper, tin, and diamondiferous deposits are receiving increased attention. Capital is being liberally invested in these industries.

Exclusive of coal, the following are the quantities of the principal minerals produced during 1898, as compared with the production of 1897:—

	1897.	1898.
Silver-lead and ore	259,043 tons	272,539 tons
Lead (pig)	72 tons	1,718 tons
Silver	160,005oz.	593,059oz.
Gold	292,817oz.	345,403oz.
Copper (ingots, matte, and ore)	6,922 tons	5,832 tons
Opals	£75,000 (value)	£80,000 (value)
Tin (ingots and ore)	1,155 tons	845 tons
Shale	24,000 tons	28,688 tons

The aggregate value of the mineral product of the colony to the end of 1898 was £127,895,852. The output of coal for 1898 shows a substantial increase over that of the preceding year. The output for 1897 was the largest recorded since the opening of our coalfields in 1829, but that of last year exceeded it by 322,030 tons, the total output for 1898 being 4,706,251 tons, as against 4,383,591 tons in 1897. There was an increase in our "home consumption" of 237,187 tons, and an increase in the intercolonial exports of 139,080 tons, but the foreign exports fell off to a slight extent, the decrease being 34,907 tons, representing about 3 per cent. on the volume of foreign exports for 1897.

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE EX-STUDENTS' REUNION.

The annual reunion of the ex-students of St. Joseph's College was held on Wednesday night at the college, Hunter's Hill. There was a good attendance of ex-students, some students also being present. The guests who sat down to the repast, furnished in a manner for which the college is noted, numbered about 100. Amongst those present were:—Rev. Fathers Cregan and Brard, Messrs. W. J. Spruson, M.L.A., A. R. J. Watt, B.A., LL.B., E. W. T. Gerber, B.A., LL.B., C. Gerber, J. J. Reed, B.A., W. J. Purcell, J. J. Carroll, J. M. Donohue, B.A., J. J. Ryan, T. J. Purcell, A. Hunter, T. Devitt, and P. O. Farrell. Apologies for absence were received from Monsignor O'Brien, the Rev. Father Le Rennetel, Mr. S. J. Kearney (Armidale), and Mr. M. J. Duffy.

Mr. A. R. J. Watt, B.A., LL.B., proposed the toast of "Our Alma Mater." He alluded to the friendships formed during college days and the memories associated with "Alma Mater." They all owed a debt to her for the lessons learned, which had enabled them to overcome the difficulties of the world and aspire to and deserve the world's highest praises. The progress of the college had been great since the time he first knew it, and one could not help being struck with the fact that it must play an important part in the educational and public life of the colony. (Applause.) There were those who had attained to the highest positions in the land from the Harrington-street College, and he therefore felt justified in saying that when St. Joseph's College had attained a riper age it too would have students occupying high positions. (Applause.)

The brother director of the college (the Rev. Bro. Denis) responded. The fact, he said, that ex-students of the college had attained to high positions in the colonies proved that the efforts exerted to give them the right kind of material with which to build their characters had not been in vain. (Applause.) It had with truth been said that ex-students of the college were destined to play a very prominent part in the great future of the Australian nation. (Applause.) He wished them to remember that as ex-students of the college they had a high mission, which was to prove to the world the all-powerful influence of a really Christian education. (Applause.)

The Rev. Brother Wilbrid proposed the toast of "The Ex-Students' Union." It was founded, he said, to keep alive hallowed associations and to unite them in a common tie as the intellectual children of the same Alma Mater. (Applause.) He wished to emphasise the fact that almost all things were possible by constant and unremitting work. Every union such as theirs would be productive of good to the members. (Applause.) The toast was drunk accompanied with much enthusiasm, musical honours, and cheers for the ex-students' union. Mr. T. J. Purcell (president of the union) responded. The ex-students of St. Joseph's were, he said, distinguished by two sterling qualities—a deep interest in the college and an ardent desire to keep in touch, and, if possible, assist old comrades. The speaker then reviewed at considerable length the successes of ex-students of the college, his remarks evoking much enthusiasm. He asked them to show that their desire to assist one another was real and active. (Applause.) With 199 financial members of the union they could congratulate themselves upon the success they had attained. (Applause.) Finally, he would have them remember that their manliness, virtue, and courage must be the strongest proofs of the value of the education imparted to them in the College of St. Joseph's. (Applause.)

Other toasts were—"The Students" (Mr. J. M. O'Donoghue, B.A.), "The Visitors" (Mr. E. W. T. Gerber, B.A.) and "Our Next Merry Meeting" (Mr. J. J. Carroll). Vocal and musical selections were contributed by Messrs. A. Hunter, M. J. D. Page, J. D. Malumby, A. Crawley, J. C. J. Ryan, G. O'Connor, J. J. Ryan, H. Earl, and T. Devitt. The Sydney Catering Company furnished the repast.

ST. GEORGE'S HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The seventh annual meeting of the St. George's Horticultural Society was held at the Hurstville Council-chambers, Hurstville, on Tuesday evening last, when the president (ex-Alderman Alex. Louden) occupied the chair, and amongst those present were: Messrs. C. H. Halstead (hon. secretary), Alderman John Thompson (hon. treasurer), Nicholas Lockyer, W. Holliday, Alderman Larbalestier, Mortimer, Shepherd, Musgrove, G. Lee, Docker, G. Leeder, Bailey, A. Reed, W. F. Fripp, George Winkworth, and C. Bayliss. The chairman, in opening the meeting, referred to the success the society had attained in its existence of seven years. They had every reason to congratulate themselves. The continuous monthly competitions had proved an increasing success, and now their monthly shows had reached that stage that the blooms in many cases were fit for a spring competition. Mr. Reed, of Bexley, who had won the rose competition, well deserved it, and he congratulated that gentleman. The secretary then read the annual report, which stated that the status of the society during the past year had been well maintained, and its operations closed with a substantial credit balance at the bank. A rose show had been held at the Town Hall, Rockdale, in October, 1898, and the chrysanthemum and rose show in April, 1899, at Hudson's Hall, Hurstville, both exhibitions being a great success, the entries and quality of exhibits, especially at the latter show, being considerably above the average. Continuous monthly competitions had been held on the last Tuesday each month, and resulted in Mr. J. Larbalestier winning the trophy for six roses, distinct varieties, and Mr. H. Teackle the trophy for the six carnations. These competitions closed in June, 1899. In response to the interest taken in the continuous competitions the council increased the number of classes in October, 1898, to include cut blooms and other flowers in season, and in addition to the trophies small cash prizes were awarded each month. The thanks of the society were due to the Minister for Mines (Mr. J. Cook) for again granting the society a special grant of £40, in lieu of endowment for prize money. Also to the Hon. J. H. Carruthers for the consideration he displayed on various occasions in forwarding the interests of the society; and also to the gentlemen who assisted at the various shows or contributed special prizes or contributions to the funds of the society. On the motion of Messrs. Larbalestier and John Thompson the report was received and adopted. The hon. treasurer (Mr. John Thompson) then read the balance-sheet. The receipts amounted to £122 18s 7d; and disbursements, £85 13s 10d. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted thus:—Patron, Hon. J. H. Carruthers; president, Mr. Alexander Louden; vice-presidents, Messrs. N. Lockyer, F. Gibbons, F. W. White, Alderman W. G. Judd, J.P. (Mayor of Rockdale), Alderman J. Sproule, J.P., Dr. Lamrock, J.P., Alderman W. Trevarthen, and G. E. Ducker; committee, Messrs. G. H. Shepherd, W. Mortimer, W. and A. Fripp, A. C. Leed, G. Larbalestier, C. H. Bayliss, W. Musgrove, Thomas Docker, H. Hyslop, F. Pennell, T. H. Bailey, George Lee, George Winkworth, and Gresback; hon. secretary, C. H. Halstead; hon. treasurer, John Thompson; auditors, A. S. Holliday and George Leeder. Votes of thanks were recorded to the retiring officers and the Rockdale and Hurstville councils for free use of rooms. The meeting then made regulations in connection with the prize offered by Mr. N. Lockyer for the best cottage garden in St. George. The following are the awards for Tuesday night's show:—

Open.—6 camellias: John Thompson, 1. 12 cut flowers: John Thompson, 1. 12 carnations: A. Fripp, 55 points; C. J. Bayliss, 48 points. Amateur section.—6 cut flowers: John Thompson, 1. 3 camellias: John Thompson, 1. 3 bulbous plants: John Thompson, 1. 6 carnations: John Thompson, 25 points, 1; W. Musgrove, 25½ points, 2; W. Fripp, 23 points, 3.

A vote of thanks to the chairman closed the meeting.

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The House in the Wood, The Hague, Holland, where the Peace Conference was held, is beautifully illustrated in this week's Mail.—Advt.

CHURCH NEWS.

HOLY TRINITY, DULWICH HILL.

The annual tea meeting in connection with Holy Trinity, Dulwich Hill, was held in the school-hall on Wednesday evening. There was a very large attendance, proving the most successful ever held. The following ladies presided at the tables:—Mesdames Colvin and Moyes, Brag and Hobson, Hudson and Strachan, Limden and Goddard, Booth-Jones and Preddy, Broughton and Barker, Cramp and Danet, Stephenson and Macdonald, Mrs. Starkey and Miss Colvin, Miss Anderson and Miss King, Mrs. Millington and Miss Menzies, the Misses Rice. At the public gathering following there was a good programme, the choir rendering several anthems, and friends from other parts gave valuable help. The rector (Rev. F. A. Colvin) spoke of the unity and love amongst all the parishioners, and how very much God had been blessing the parish in every way. The Revs. Canon Moreton, F. Elder, and C. C. Dunstan also delivered addresses.

MANLY PRESBYTERIAN SABBATH SCHOOL.

An interesting entertainment took place at the Aquarium Hall, Manly, on Tuesday evening in aid of the funds of the above school, arranged and directed by Mr. J. B. Wakely. The hall was crowded with children, who thoroughly appreciated the show, and among the elders present were: The Mayor of Manly (Mr. W. H. Fletcher), the Rev. J. Anderson Gardiner, B.A., Mrs. Gardiner, and Miss Glen, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Smellie, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. P. Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Passau, Messrs. Christie, Lakeman, and Pain. The proceedings opened with records on the graphophone, which were wonderfully distinct and clear, the favourites being "You'll Remember Me," "I Don't Want to Play in Your Yard," and "Yankee Doodle." A series of cinematograph views followed, which were bright and fairly steady, and prominent among them were—"The Registry Office," "Breakers on Newport Pier," "Avenue de l'Opera, Paris," "Lone Fisherman," and "Moulsey Lock." The last picture, the latest development of the X-rays, elicited shouts of applause. The entertainment concluded with lantern views, which started with Mount Kosciusko in many phases, and continued with scenes in different parts of the world.

HOMEBUSH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

The fifteenth anniversary of the above church was signalised by a very successful social entertainment in the church on Wednesday night. The pastor (Rev. W. Cunliffe Jones) presided, and there were on the platform the Revs. G. Littlemore and E. T. Dunstan. The annual report was read by Mr. C. H. Slatyer and the balance-sheet by Mr. W. R. Gainsford. These were of a satisfactory character, and afforded the speakers of the evening, the Revs. E. T. Dunstan, G. Littlemore, and Mr. W. S. Buzacott, an opportunity of congratulating the church members upon the sound condition their finances were in, and the amount of work they had accomplished. The pastor rendered a brief statement of some of the leading features of his three years' ministry, and thanked the various bodies connected with the church for their all-round support. During the evening a musical entertainment of high artistic merit was submitted by a large choir, supported by solos by Madame Vogt and Mr. Thompson. Mr. H. C. Kent presided at the organ and accompanied the singers. The church was beautifully decorated with wattle and other blossoms, and as the seats were filled with people the general effect was one of pleasure and success. The chairman announced that a glee club and a cricket club amongst the church members were in process of formation. Mr. John Pomeroy also read a statement of the church mission work.

The Rev. Leonard Robjohns, B.A., of Rose Park Congregational Church, Adelaide, delivered an address on Wednesday evening in the hall of Pitt-street Congregational Church, on university settlements. He traced their development from their first initiation by Toynbee and Milner (now Sir Alfred Milner, of Capetown) to the present, and gave a detailed picture of life and work at Mansfield House, Canning Town, London.

On Tuesday night the executive of the Petersham and District Local Union of Christian Endeavour met in the Baptist schoolroom, and transacted considerable business in connection with the annual convention and the local quarterly rally, besides other matters of importance. In connection with the convention it was decided that early morning prayer meetings should be held in the Lewisham Wesleyan Church whilst the convention was sitting. As to the rally it was decided to hold it at the Petersham Congregational Church in August. Previous to the rally an open air service will be held.

ST. PHILIP'S, CHURCH-HILL.

On Wednesday evening a large number of parents and scholars, under the supervision of their teachers attended in the large schoolroom attached to the above church to witness the presentation of prizes to the Sunday-school scholars. The Venerable Archdeacon J. D. Langley, rector, presided. Miss Saumarez Smith and Mrs. G. Dubois, assisted by Mrs. J. D. Langley (girls' Sunday-school superintendent), distributed the prizes to Misses Emily Hissing, Maude Seth, Edie Simpson, and Lois Smith. Each having obtained the corresponding number of marks were awarded equal prizes of the first merit; while Misses Grace Clark and May Gordon received second prizes. Miss Saumarez Smith, who was assisted by Mr. G. W. Longford (Sunday-school superintendent), then distributed prizes to the boys. The successful in the senior division were:—Master Oscar Johnson, first prize; Master William M'Cann, second prize; Master Norman Ives, third prize. In the junior division of the boys Master Reginald Smith secured first prize, while Masters Alfred Landsbury and Albert Hissing secured second and third prizes respectively. It was estimated that nearly 150 prizes were distributed. During the evening a presentation of a portable morocco leather writing desk was made by Master Landsbury to Mr. F. Harrap, formerly teacher of the first class boys, but who has severed his connection with this parish owing to removal to the suburbs. Mr. Harrap expressed his surprise and gratitude to the boys. The Rev. W. A. Charlton gave a short address. The Rev. A. Young, curate of the parish, proposed, and Mr. G. W. Longford seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to Miss Saumarez Smith and Mrs. G. Dubois for their kindness in attending to present the prizes. Miss Jessett presided at the organ.

BALMAIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

The annual public meeting of the Balmain Presbyterian Church took place in the Campbell-street Lecture Hall on Wednesday night. The Rev. Dr. Cosh presided, and there was a large attendance. Addresses were delivered by Rev. J. Paton, Rev. W. Waugh (Neutral Bay), Rev. H. C. Talbot (Randwick), Rev. J. Auld (Ashfield), Rev. T. E. Clouston, B.A. (Glebe), Rev. James Cosh, B.A. There were also present Rev. T. A. Gordon, Rev. A. Barron, and Rev. Mr. Adamson, of Kogarah. Dr. Cosh said that though he commenced his ministry amongst them upwards of 25 years ago, yet there were those now attending the church who were there when he first came amongst them. Sympathetic reference was also made to the healthy state of the church organisations. The addresses of the visiting clergymen bore testimony to the zeal manifested by the minister in all work of a Christian character, and to the esteem in which Dr. Cosh was held by all sections of the Church and other denominations. Mr. W. C. Macdougall, on behalf of the special committee, gave a statement about the collections made for the liquidation of the debt of £3000 on the church property. The treasurer had now in hand a sum of £127 4s 7d, together with promises of £20, and these sums were augmented by a bequest from the Ford family, with accrued interest, of £120, making a total in all of £267 4s 7d. It is expected to complete the £300 decided to be paid off by August 4 next. The annual tea meeting, which preceded the public meeting, was also very largely attended, and necessitated two sittings. A large number of ladies had charge of the proceedings. Subsequently a well-arranged organ recital was given in the church by Mr. W. J. Duris. Select musical items were also given during the evening by the choir, under the musical conductorship of Mr. Alexander Bowen.

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTISTS.

FOURTH BIENNIAL SESSION.

This conference, which has been in session since the 6th instant, has now adjourned, and the delegates are leaving for their respective fields of labour. The proceedings of the conference have proved of much interest to all who have attended it. During the last few days of the session the attention of the conference was devoted to the question of "Health Reform." Not only is it held by them that meat is an unnecessary and unnatural article of diet, but in view of the rapid spread of disease among cattle and animals in general, it is urged that it is now becoming positively dangerous to subsist largely upon a meat diet. This view was, it was stated, accentuated by the reports of diseased stock recently published in the newspapers. Dr. E. R. Caro, of Sydney, one of the delegates to the conference, argued that it was now a well-established fact that tea was also unwholesome, particularly when taken in conjunction with meat. The Adventists are establishing large factories in various countries where their health foods are being manufactured. They are also reformers in the matter of dress. The success which has attended the sanatoriums directed by the Adventists in various parts of the world, they claim, has been due to the adoption and adherence to the health principles above set forth. It is their intention to build and set in operation soon a large and well equipped sanatorium in this country. On Friday, the 21st instant, it was decided to make a call for £8000 for this purpose, and in a few minutes over £1000 was subscribed by the delegates.

On Wednesday night, at the Bourke-street Congregational School-hall, an interclub debate between the Randwick Presbyterian Institute and the Bourke-street Society was held. The Rev. James Hill, M.A., presided, and the Bourke-street representatives affirmed that "a system of old-age pensions for all persons over 60 should be adopted by the State." Their speakers were Mr. Gilbert Price, Mrs. R. H. Jenkins, and Mr. J. A. Hendry. The Randwick delegates were Messrs. A. Parkhill, C. Chalcraft, and J. R. Wallace, and after a good contest they managed to score a slight majority of the audience against the proposal, which was therefore negatived.

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MUNICIPALITIES AND DANCING ROOMS.

SOME POSSIBLE DIFFICULTIES IN REGULATING.

A good deal of interest appears to have been created by the alterations recently made by the Balmain Council in the bylaws regulating dancing rooms. The Balmain Council on Tuesday evening received a letter from a lady who pointed out that she was a weekly tenant of a dancing-room, and desired to know whether she was compelled to take out a license, or was it the duty of the owner or agent to do so. There was some diversity of opinion on the matter amongst the members of the council. Alderman G. C. Murdock read a portion of the bylaws bearing on the subject, and said he thought the point was clearly enough defined in the wording: "Any person or persons who shall open, establish, or maintain a dancing-room without having obtained a license shall forfeit a sum of not more than £25, nor less than £10." Applications for licenses had to be in writing, addressed to the Mayor and aldermen, and endorsed by 10 householders or property-owners testifying to the respectability of the applicant. It was decided to inform the writer that the person establishing the dancing-room must obtain the license, for it was he or she alone who could be answerable for the proper conduct of the proceedings carried on. A more difficult point, however, was subsequently developed by Alderman Robert Campbell, who was instrumental in the council in having the bylaws framed. He instanced a certain hall where it was alleged that unseemly proceedings had taken place. He asked if the place named had been duly licensed. In the discussion which ensued it was shown that the hall was let possibly at different nights in the week to different persons, and the point was as to who would be responsible. Another alderman mentioned the probability of a ball or a dance for one night being held in the district, and asked was it necessary for every such function to be the subject of a license. This phase of the question does not appear to have been met in the bylaws, and there was some suggestion of an amendment of them, as at present there appears to be much difficulty in the initial stages of their administration.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.

The Public Works Committee met yesterday. There were present—Messrs. Perry (president), Dr. Garran, Watson, Dick, Shepherd, Trickett, and Levien. Evidence was given in regard to the proposed erection of a penitentiary for females at Randwick. Mr. A. W. Meeks, a merchant of Sydney and a resident of Randwick, said he was opposed to the proposal on the ground that it would injure the prospects of Randwick as a residential suburb, and he thought it inadvisable to place a penal establishment so close to the city. There was a strong feeling against the proposal in Randwick. Mr. Vernon, Government Architect, said that in the designs for the building ample provision was made for light and ventilation. Electric fans, driven by the power from the electric light plant, would be utilised, and the ventilation would be better than that in any gaol he had inspected. Captain Neitenstein, Comptroller-General, submitted statistics showing the percentage of crime since 1884. There had not only been a diminution in the number of prisoners in gaols in comparison with the population, but there had been an actual diminution. In 1884 prisoners in the colony numbered one in 373 of the population. In 1898 it was one in 611. Still the penitentiary was required, because many of the country gaols, on account of their small dimensions and distance from the metropolis, were too costly to be used for the purposes required. They necessitated the employment of travelling warders, a large staff of instructors, and generally entailed great expense in supervision; so that from an economical standpoint the erection of the proposed penitentiary would be an advantage, and it would supply a necessity.

LANDS OFFICE DAY.

No classified areas were opened for settlement yesterday, and consequently the business transacted at the various Crown lands offices was mainly under the conditional purchase clauses of the Crown Lands Acts. There were, however, a fair number of applications for homestead selection and settlement lease farms within areas which had been available for some time; and in view of the fact that there are nearly two and a half millions of acres, with great variety as regards climate, situation, soil, area, &c., available for application under these tenures, on any lands office day, it should not be a difficult matter for those who desire to acquire land under these conditions to find blocks suitable to their requirements without competition.

The most noticeable feature in the day's transactions was the continued demand for the dairying country in the Bellingen district. Six applications were made, covering 782 acres, and in two cases the ballot had to be resorted to.

The total applications for the day numbered 58, covering an area of 11,367 acres, of which 22 were with residential conditions.

Further particulars are as follows:—

Homestead Selections.—At Glen Innes, one block, 480 acres; at East Maitland, one block, 74 acres; at Walgett, one block, 1280 acres; at Burrowa, one block, 142 acres; and at Paterson, one block, 368 acres.

Settlement Leases.—At Condobolin, one farm, 1876 acres; and at Armidale, one farm, 3153 acres.

Under the conditional purchase clauses of the Crown Lands Acts, 51 applications, comprising 12,072 acres, were made, consisting of 15 original conditional purchases, 17 additional conditional purchases, and 19 conditional leases.

LINNEAN SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

The monthly meeting of the Linnean Society of New South Wales was held at the Linnean Hall, Ithaca-road, Elizabeth Bay, on Wednesday evening. Mr. Henry Deane, M.A., F.L.S., vice-president, was in the chair. Mr. W. Buckingham, Marrickville; Mr. Julius H. Camfield, Botanic Gardens, Sydney; Mr. John F. Campbell, Walcha; Mr. Edwin Cheel, Penshurst; Dr. C. Dagnall Clark, North Sydney; Mr. Alexander Grant, Botanic Gardens, Sydney; Mr. Francis H. E. Le Bihan, Glebe-road; Mr. George B. Pritchard, M.A., Melbourne; Mr. Charles W. Smith, Gladesville; and Rev. Walter W. Watts, Ballina, were elected ordinary members of the society. The following papers were read:—1. "Further Observations on the Vegetation of Lord Howe Island," by J. H. Maiden, F.L.S., in which a new variety of Dendrobium gracilicaule, F.v.M., for which the name Howeanum was proposed, is described; as also was the inflorescence of Hedyscepe Canterburyana, F.v.M., this palm having flowered in the Sydney Botanic Gardens in March last for the first time. The question of the occurrence of the true Lycopodium varium, R.Br., in Lord Howe Island was discussed; and that of L. nutans, Brackr., was recorded. Some supplementary bibliographical notes were also appended. 2. "On an undescribed Apocynaceous Plant yielding large edible Tubers," by R. T. Baker, F.L.S. 3. "A Zoogeographic Scheme for the Mid-Pacific," by C. Hedley, F.L.S.

In the notes and exhibits Mr. Baker exhibited herbarium specimens and tubers of the new species of Parsonsia described in his paper. Also three admirably executed casts of food fishes modelled at the Technological Museum for museum purposes, and a section of the trunk of the corkwood (Hakea lorea) of the interior.

Mr. D. G. Stead exhibited specimens of Hawkesbury sandstone (1) from the sea shore between tide marks showing the tunnelling of marine Isopods (Sphæroma), with the living animals in situ, and (2) from the hilltops overlooking Port Jackson, offering examples of the borings which so often attract notice, and the production of which has been attributed to hymenopters, and also to termites. Since last meeting Mr. Stead reported that he had investigated the matter, and that after breaking up a quantity of stone he had come upon termites, of a species at present undetermined, actually at work. Of these he exhibited specimens. He also stated that he had been informed by Captain Wallace, who had shown him the bird, that on May 5 last, while the S.S. Perthshire was drifting about in a disabled condition, about 500 miles from the nearest land (Cape Howe), a common bronze-wing pigeon flew on board in an exhausted condition.

Mr. R. Greig Smith, M.Sc., the Macleay Bacteriologist, exhibited two samples of butter prepared from the same original lot of cream which had been divided into two portions, one being ripened with the ordinary acid starter, the other having a culture of the aroma-producing bacterium No. 41 (Conn) added with the starter. The difference between the samples was very striking, the one having very little smell, while the other had the flavour and aroma characteristic of the finest butters. It was interesting to note that the bacteria from which the culture was prepared had been kept growing on artificial solid media for three years without having lost the aroma-producing property.

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MUNICIPAL COUNCILS.

ALEXANDRIA.

This council met on Wednesday, July 26. The Mayor being absent, Alderman O'Riordan was elected chairman. There were also present—Aldermen Banner, Harden, Miller, Manser, Green, M'Caulay, Allen, and Taylor. A letter was read from the Sydney Byproduct Company, explaining that they were having expert advice on the recommendation of the Board of Health, and in the meantime they hoped the council would allow them to continue. The letter was received, and a month's grace was allowed. The hon. secretary of the Newtown Electorate Cricket Club wrote with reference to the use by his club of the Alexandria Oval on a 10 years' lease at a liberal rental, and asking if the council would be prepared to consider an application if made. Alderman Miller explained that he had seen the secretary of the club, who said the club, if the Cricket Association sanctioned the ground suitable, would be prepared to take it on a 10 years' lease at £40 per annum, and spend from £20 to £50 per year for maintenance, and probably they would also agree to defray the wages of a caretaker if he were a useful man to look after the wicket. Alderman Banner moved,—"That the writer be informed that the council would be prepared to favourably consider the application when brought before it, and the council would also be glad if the club would meet the parks committee on the subject." The motion was carried. A letter was received from the Railway Commissioners, expressing regret that they could not see their way to reopen the Phillip-street entrance to the Eveleigh works. The letter was received, and it was decided to wait upon the Commissioners about the matter. The Railway Commissioners also intimated that they could not supply a quantity of metal for the repairs of Garden-street. Alderman Taylor said the railway siding was of no great use to the borough, and he proposed that the Mayor be authorised to close the street for traffic. Alderman Garden seconded the motion pro forma. He, however, thought it would be an illegal step. Alderman Banner opposed the suggestion to close the street. It was outside the power of the council to do so. He thought it better to discuss the matter with the Commissioners. The motion was withdrawn. It was decided to release Mr. J. Holmes from fulfilling the remainder of his contract for removal of sand from Vincent-street. A communication from the Waterloo Council, enclosing a copy of a letter received from the Works Department in regard to the construction of a stormwater sewer from M'Evoy-street to Shea's Creek Canal, was received and ordered to be laid upon the table. It was decided to make further inquiries in regard to a communication from the Public Works Department to the effect that the workmen sweeping road refuse into the gutters were not employees of the department. The Board of Health notified the council by letter that the premises of Mr. E. Tumeth had been inspected, and certain alterations were found to be necessary. A license under the Noxious Trades Act was granted to T. Doody, of Bennett-street, for fat melting and batterine making purposes. The works committee presented a special report as to the manner in which it was proposed to distribute the blue metal to be purchased. For the information of the council Mr. G. Anderson, M.L.A., forwarded a tracing showing the proposed additions to the Mitchell-road Public School. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Anderson for the interest he had taken in the matter. Alderman Banner reported the result of his inquiries in regard to the post-office clock, which showed that the total cost of a striking clock, with an illuminated face and bell, would be about £120, fixed complete. Mr. Anderson, M.L.A., had asked him to make the inquiries, and he proposed to send the information on to him, as it appeared the department was afraid the cost would be excessive. Accompanied by an officer from the department he had inspected the present clock tower, and had come to the conclusion that such a clock would not conveniently be fixed. The aldermen expressed satisfaction at the result of Alderman Banner's inquiries. A number of letters were received from various ratepayers complaining of defects in several of the thoroughfares. In each case the letter was received and the matter referred to the works committee.

CONCORD.

This council met on Tuesday, July 25. There were present—Aldermen Zoeller, Gale, Cherry, and the council clerk (Mr. J. H. Bolster). In the absence of the Mayor (Alderman H. S. Thompson), through illness, Alderman Zoeller presided. A letter was received from the town clerk, Sydney, with reference to the Mayor's Greater Sydney scheme. The matter was left over till next meeting. The Burwood Lacrosse Club applied for permission to use the northern end of St. Luke's Park for games on August 5 and 12. The council agreed to the request. The Fire Brigades' Board forwarded a notification that the dues from the council must be paid within 30 days of the date on which they became due. The council endorsed the action of the Mayor in preventing the continuance of football matches on St. Luke's Park in view of a recent disorderly occurrence between visiting football teams. Accounts amounting to £126 12s from the general fund and £4 0s 6d from the park fund were passed.

MOSMAN.

A meeting of this council was held on July 25, the Mayor (Alderman Rose) presiding. There were also present—Aldermen Alderson, Glover, Hampshire, Horning, Mitchell, Strange, Smith, and Shaw. A communication was received from the town clerk of Sydney, inviting the council to a conference on August 8 to discuss the advisability of representing to the Government the necessity of appointing a Royal Commission to consider and report upon the question of the extension of the city of Sydney by incorporation of the adjacent areas. It was decided to accept the invitation. The Department of Lands wrote, stating that the inquiry by the Metropolitan Land Board into the matter of bathing accommodation for Sydney would be continued on or about August 22 next, and requesting the council prior to that date to advise of any site suitable for the erection of baths within or adjoining the municipality, also asking whether the council desired to give any evidence on the subject. It was referred to the general purposes committee. It was decided that the overseer be requested to report on the cost of repairing View-street. Alderman Shaw moved,—"That tenders be invited for the purchase of the eastern half (having 50ft. frontage to Military-road) of the council's land at the corner of Military and Myahgah roads." Alderman Horning moved an amendment,—"That the whole matter of the disposal of the land be deferred until the municipal elections in February next." The amendment was carried on division by 5 votes to 4.

NORTH BOTANY.

This council met on Tuesday, July 25. The Mayor (Alderman Lee) occupied the chair. There were also present—Aldermen Reeve, Brotchie, Coward, Thornton, Laycock, Sparkes, Gearin, and Punter. A letter was read from the Ratepayers' Association inquiring when the Impounding Act would be put into force. It was decided to inform the association that the council had no intention to put the Act into force. The secretary of the association also wrote returning some correspondence from the council which the members of the association did not consider conveyed the information they desired in regard to the land tax and outstanding rates. It was decided to inform the association that the council had agreed to support the action taken by Annandale. It was also agreed to inform the association, in reply to inquiries as to whether Mrs. Doherty had conveyed Doherty-street to the council, and, if so, when the council proposed to align the frontage, that all information in the possession of the council would be available. The finance committee recommended the payment of accounts to the amount of £101 12s 10d, and the report was adopted. The foreman of works reported that the estimated cost of repairs to Kent-road was £60. The matter was referred to the works committee. The Town Hall committee brought up a report, in which they recommended that various additions, repairs, and improvements be carried out. The report was adopted. Alderman Laycock, secretary to the local school board, intimated to the council that at the last meeting of the board a desire was expressed that the official opening of the Gardener's-lane school should be carried out with some degree of publicity and spirit, and the board would be pleased to see the councillors fully represented at the ceremony as representatives of the residents. The Minister had promised to perform the opening ceremony, but the date had not yet been decided upon. He was glad to say that the school was now one of the most commodious and best equipped in the suburbs, and as the Government had treated the district very liberally in the matter it appeared to be desirable to the board and Mr. Fraser, the principal of the school, that the aldermen should attend and receive the Minister. Alderman Sparkes agreed with the remarks of Alderman Laycock. The present building was a credit to the district, and it would be some encouragement to the energetic headmaster, who had accomplished so much during his connection with the school if the council assisted and put a little public spirit into the occasion. He moved,—"That the council co-operate with the board in making the occasion a fitting success." The motion was carried unanimously. Alderman Coward moved,—"That 250 tons of blue metal be purchased, at a probable cost of £100." The motion was carried.

NORTH SYDNEY.

A meeting of the North Sydney Council was held on July 25. The Mayor (Alderman J. M. Purves) presided, and there were also present—Aldermen Slack, E. M. Clark, Sayers, T. W. Hodgson, R. Moodie, C. F. Garvan, H. Green, W. Anderson, and Ensever. A letter was received from the Department of Public Works with reference to the extension of the railway from Redfern, so as to permit of an immediate or future extension to North Sydney, stating the matter was under consideration. Alderman H. Green called the Mayor's attention to the disgraceful condition of the roads in the northern portion of the borough. The Mayor said it was in a great measure due to the unusually wet weather and the delay occasioned in getting the necessary metal to effect repairs. The Mayor tabled a long minute seeking authority to perform all acts necessary in obtaining and carrying into full effect a loan of £4500 for the purpose of constructing wharf and landing pontoons and approaches thereto at Blue's Point, and £700 for re-grading and re-forming Blue's Point-road. He suggested the sum of £4500 be borrowed on mortgage for a term of 14 years, and that payments of £25 each be made upon each quarter day in reduction of the principal sum. The proposed security for the loan is a mortgage of the general and special rates and other revenues of the said borough. The annual estimated amount of the general and special rates was £11,800, and the estimated amount of the said general and special rates and other revenues for five years was £80,000. The minute was adopted. At the request of Mr. S. Sinclair, the first company of the Boys' Brigade was allowed portion of Warringah Park at Neutral Bay for use as a cricket and football ground. It was decided to raise the retaining wall on the east side of Harnett-street, near Messrs. Wormald Brothers' property, and a footpath be formed. It was referred to the parks committee to consider the desirability of planting young trees in Kirribilli and Warringah Parks. On the motion of Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Ensever, it was resolved,—"That it be referred to the general purposes committee to consider and report as to the best method for providing horse ferry accommodation between Sydney and Neutral Bay."

STRATHFIELD.

This council met on Tuesday, July 25. There were present the Mayor (Alderman T. F. H. Mackenzie), Aldermen Gordon, Dixon, Allen, Maiden, Henty, Hanbury, Parsons, and the council clerk (Mr. J. H. Balmain). The Postal Department notified that a letter-box would be placed at the corner of the Boulevard and Albyn-road. The Hon. Varney Parkes wrote consenting to introduce a deputation to the Premier with reference to the charges against the council under the Fire Brigades Act. The Fire Brigade's Board wrote advising the payment of dues within 30 days of the date on which they became due. The Department of Public Instruction wrote declining to erect a Public school at Flemington, and requesting the council to get certain forms filled up in order to afford them a guarantee that the matter was one of urgency. The town clerk, Sydney, notified that a conference of council delegates would meet to consider the Mayor's Greater Sydney scheme on August 8. It was decided to attend the conference. In reply to Alderman Maiden, the Mayor stated that the financial position of the borough was improving, and would be better at the end of the year, when an endowment of £800 would be received and a large amount of back rates got in. On the motion of Alderman Dixon, it was decided that the by-laws committee be requested to report on model by-laws submitted to the council for adoption. Alderman Gordon requested the Mayor to urge forward the metalling of the new road at Flemington, as the Rookwood Council had completed their end of it. Finance—Accounts passed for payment amounted to £230 13s 7d. The debit balance was reported to be £800 11s 9d. Since last meeting £175 11s 10d had been received in rates. Outstanding accounts amounted to £450, and arrears of rates to £1511 12s 8d.

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SYDNEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

ANNUAL MEETING.

THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

A COMMERCIAL REVIEW OF THE YEAR.

The annual meeting of the Sydney Chamber of Commerce was held at the Exchange, Pitt-street, last night. There was a large attendance. The president (Mr. J. S. Brunton) occupied the chair. Amongst those present were—Messrs. W. Adnam, C. E. Bird, W. M. Cameron, R. M. Cameron, C. L. Cowper, Captain Craig, A. De Lissa, J. Russell French, M. Gotthelf, C. E. Graham, C. H. Hayes, C. J. Henty, John Hopkins, Henry Hudson, Jas. Inglis, F. J. Jackson, John Kent, S. C. Lindley, Thos. Littlejohn, G. S. Littlejohn, J. P. M'Arthur, Geo. M'Credie, A. W. Meeks, Philip Mitchell, H. Chas. Mitchell, Jas. Moir, Chas. Nathan, C. Nettheim, Paxton, H. C. Piper, F. O'D. Raymond, J. Robertson, A. F. Robinson, E. H. Rogers, J. C. Smith, W. L. Spier, F. W. Stoddart, David Storey, J. H. Storey, H. M. Suttor, J. T. Tillock, Thomas E. Tillock, W. Trotter, A. R. Troup, C. C. Tucker, Geo. Wall, J. Watson, W. T. Waters, J. St. Vincent Welch, W. E. Wilson, and Henry Chas. Mitchell (secretary).

In the report submitted it was stated that "the revived interest in the chamber's proceedings noted on previous occasions had been more than maintained. Increased membership, a record number of meetings, and further recognition of the work of the chamber by the Government all tended to prove the necessity for and usefulness of the body. In connection with postal and telegraphic matters, the committee had strenuously advocated the establishment of the Pacific cable. They waited twice during the year on the Postmaster-General by deputation, and also cabled the London Chamber of Commerce to support the proposed line." The report also referred to the Greater Britain Exhibition, the Philadelphia museum, the action taken in regard to municipal reform, and a number of other matters of commercial interest.

The hon. treasurer (Mr. E. H. Rogers) read the financial statement, which was received.

THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

The President (Mr. John S. Brunton), said: Gentlemen, it is my privilege and pleasure to move the adoption of the report and balance-sheet for the past 12 months of the Sydney Chamber of Commerce, and in reviewing the work done you will observe that the year has been a record one so far as meetings and increase of membership are concerned. It is customary for the retiring president to give a resumé of the past year's commercial operations, and in dealing with the subjects under review I would crave your patience, and ask you to allow for the curtailment of many subjects, as many matters of interest crowd upon my mind on an occasion like this. The hope expressed by my predecessor, that the next meeting of the members would be that of merchants of federated Australia, I rejoice to think has been practically fulfilled, and whatever differences of opinion we may have held in this chamber as regards the interpretation of the amended Constitution Bill, I am sure you will all join with me and bow to the will of the great majority, and prepare to sink all differences and work together for the common welfare of Australia, endeavouring to build up a nationhood which will be the admiration of the civilised world. Never before in the world's history has there been such a grand opportunity for the union of provincial States, whose people are all descendants of the grand old stock, with its noble traditions, under the British flag, speaking the same language, and having the same desires. There is nothing to prevent us taking our stand with the nations of the world, and, with God's help, we hope and trust that we will never in our future history have cause to regret such a union. The rejection of the measure of 12 months ago, although not realised at the time, may have been a "blessing in disguise," for, in the meantime, the Queensland Parliament has seen its way to accept the amended Constitution Bill in globo, and the Parliament of that colony is now submitting it to the electors at an early date. Also, the opposition to the bill has been healthy, and has created thought, and stirred up inquiry as to the various interpretations of the bill, so that the electors of this colony have had more ample opportunity of educating themselves on this great national question than those of the other colonies. It is particularly pleasant to find that on all sides the watchword now is, with a newer and deeper meaning than ever, "Advance, Australia." The opposition to the bill in some measure was on account of the uncertainty of the site of the federal capital. Now, it was arranged at the late Premiers' conference that the capital should be located in New South Wales, at a distance not nearer than 100 miles from our city. Though this was regarded as an obstacle by some, in my opinion it is fortunate that it will not be any nearer, for otherwise it might interfere with the advancement and value of property of the real commercial capital of Australia, viz., Sydney. Now, I think the time has arrived when immediate steps should be taken for the securing of a federal site, whose natural port would be Sydney. Possibly the Government here may see its way to appoint a local commission to recommend such a site, whereby climate, natural conditions, water supply, &c., will all be considered. Should the site be generally approved of by our local Parliament, then there is every probability of the Federal Parliament accepting the same. One of the great benefits of federation will be that we shall have a settled fiscal policy. This will be welcomed by all classes, as during the last eight or nine years the ins and outs of protectionists and freetraders have checked rather than encouraged the establishment of new industries. But now, with intercolonial freetrade and a population of over four millions, we have at last an opportunity of competing with our neighbours under more equal conditions, instead of fighting with the surplus products from highly protected colonies in our Sydney markets. I will not deal further on this great topic, as the subject has now become history, and the great national question has been decided by one of the heaviest polls ever taken on any previous political issue in this colony. There are many public questions which the chamber can voice, such as the requirements of the commercial community, without touching on the dangerous ground of party politics. Our constitution is laid down in Rule 2—that "we have the power to collect information for the removal of evils and redress of grievances, and the promotion of the trade of the colony and the public good." Only during the last year, within a few weeks of my taking the presidential chair, the attention of the chamber was drawn to the unsatisfactory state of the affairs of the City Corporation, for any mismanagement of city affairs must reflect discredit on the colony as a whole and the colony is largely dependent on the confidence of the British investor. The press supported our public spirited action, the outcome of which was the formation of the Citizens' Reform Association, consisting of many members of the chamber, business people, and ratepayers, whose interests were aroused, and we endeavoured to secure capable business men to offer themselves at the then forthcoming municipal election. Although the time was short, we were fairly successful; and having thus awakened the interest of the public, it is to be hoped that it will be continued until we have men of stake and standing in the country, who, having been successful in their own affairs, will make a sacrifice in offering their services for the benefit of their fellow citizens. I would like to see during the coming year quarterly meetings of the chamber, when papers could be read on commercial subjects, and the committee would invite discussion on current commercial questions. Such evenings must be the means of increasing the interest amongst the members, who will feel that we have a further call upon them than paying their annual subscription fee. To strengthen the chamber, I am an advocate of chambers of commerce being established at the principal inland towns of New South Wales, which would safeguard their local interests, redress grievances, and, when necessity arose, would join with the head chamber in thus lending increased weight to their representations. Also, the time is not far distant when we may have a federal executive of the Australian chambers of commerce, whose advice will be valuable to the Federal Parliament on many important questions in respect to commerce, tariffs, and other matters, especially at a time when we are placing federal services on a satisfactory basis. It will be pleasant and satisfactory for you to know that during the past year there has been an increase of about 25 per cent. in the number of members, and there are still many men in the commercial and financial world whom we would be well pleased to see join our chamber. All I ask of those desirous of joining is that they place themselves in communication with any member of the chamber, as it is impossible for the executive and the secretary to wait personally on all who should be on our roll.

PRODUCTION.

Now, the text of my address to you will be to a great extent on that grand word "Production," from which many sources of wealth are derived, and I trust my remarks on this topic will be interesting to you, who, as merchants or otherwise, are more or less identified with the development of the resources of this country. I will not weary you with a long array of statistics, as these are always amply displayed as an appendix to our yearly report, and I shall endeavour to be as brief as possible. To begin with, production largely depends on rainfall, and the rainfall in the colony during the last 12 months has been considerably below the average, but, if there is anything in the cycle theory, I should think that we must be now on the verge of better seasons and better times. The colony of New South Wales being of such a large area, it frequently happens that in one part the people may be sending forage to starving stock in another, and the more favoured districts getting famine prices for their produce. The colony is divided into belts—the coastal area, where the rainfall is generally four times that of the interior; the southern part of Riverina, which is in touch with the temperate and coastal rainfall of Victoria; and the back country, west of Dubbo and Cobar, along the Lachlan, Barwon, and Darling, which has had deplorable seasons for the last few years. But the all-seeing Providence has so provided that (even in these arid districts, particularly in the watershed of the Barwon and Paroo, where the soil is so prolific) there is an unlimited supply of artesian water. Artesian boring has been encouraged to a great extent by our Government, which has been enabled to improve the conditions of domestic life in these back blocks by cultivation in proximity to the bores. Also, the water can be distributed for many miles, so that by this means many places which have been hitherto unable to carry stock, on account of the absence of water, will be turned to profit. The question of irrigation brings up a matter, which will have to be dealt with in this colony with great care and consideration, as experience has proved in other colonies that only by intense culture, high-priced products, such as citrus fruits, grapes, olives, and similar arboriculture, can be profitably raised. Weirs for throwing back or diverting some of our inland rivers (which otherwise flow to the sea) are now being considered by the Government. Where these can be carried out, and water diverted from a main river along a dry watercourse or artificial channels, the benefit will be immense, and the cost could be legitimately charged to our reproductive works, which in turn could charge a rate to cover interest to the pastoralists and others who would benefit thereby.

PASTORAL.

Now, passing from seasons and rainfall, I will deal with it under various heads. The past year has been a hard one for the majority of those engaged in our great pastoral industry. The fourth and the driest of a series of dry years could not fail to bring hardship to a great number of those whose occupation compels them to rely upon the natural grasses of the colony for an income. The eastern pastoral division, and some portions of the central, together with the elevated plateaus of New England in the north, and Monaro in the south, were able to carry their stock through the year in fair condition. But the famous wool-producing area of the Riverina, as well as the whole of our great western and north-western plains, have been subjected throughout the past 12 months to an almost unparalleled drought. So far as the wool production is concerned, the worst effect is still to be felt. The total loss will not be apparent until the close of this year's shearing. The market value of wool during the past season has been more than well maintained. The anticipation of a deficient clip doubtless lent strength to the market; and in spite of a noticeable want of "spring" in the ultimate markets in Europe, the local sales passed off with the greatest animation right through the season. The regular Sydney sales opened in October, with a rise of 7½ per cent. to 10 per cent. upon the previous year's prices; and under strong competition, particularly from French and German buyers, this advance was firmly maintained up to the Christmas adjournment. After the new year, a further rise of 5 per cent. took place, and the market remained at this level until the bulk of the clip was disposed of. Since the close of the busy season in February, a still further and more marked advance in prices has taken place; the net result being that, although slightly deficient in quantity, the year's output of wool will yield a larger cash return than that of the year before. Thus, while many of our far western and Riverina pastoralists have suffered heavy losses individually, the colony as a whole finds its wool income more than made up by the increased value of the product. This applies to the past 12 months. But whether the rise in value is sufficient to compensate for the losses in stock which have taken place since last shearing is a matter of considerable doubt. At the present moment merino wool is worth 25 per cent. to 30 per cent. more than it was a year ago. The most experienced authorities estimate the loss of sheep during the same period at fully 25 per cent., and, as a deficiency of 25 per cent. in output would require an increase of 33 per cent. in value to counterbalance, it will be seen that there is still a margin that requires covering. On the whole, however, the wool outlook is fairly promising, and those pastoralists who have enjoyed a good season are making big profits. From those who have been reduced to dire extremity by the drought there has come a call for a remission or suspension of rents and instalments. And if ever there was a period when the Government might fairly be expected to give their tenants a little breathing time in which to recover their footing surely it is now in so far as the Western and Central divisions are concerned. In addition to wool all pastoral products have risen in value. Hides, tallow, and frozen meat are bringing higher prices than for several years past. In regard to frozen mutton the shipments from Australia have fallen off considerably, owing to the drought; but this deficiency has been more than counterbalanced by the increase in value of 40 per cent. on mutton sold locally. And in the face of this fact, the higher prices obtained for our mutton in London are all the more satisfactory, for they would seem to indicate that the improvements lately made in the distributing arrangements at the other end are gradually but surely overcoming the prejudice which used to exist in the old country against Australian meat. The bales of wool sold locally during 1898-99 were 447,517 against 445,865 in 1897-98. The net production of New South Wales shows a diminution from 722,427 bales to 713,610, making 8817 bales shortage. The value of the 1897-98 clip was £7,404,876, against £8,367,910, during 1898-99, a gain in value of £903,034. I must not close this most important section of all our products without referring to the high prices commanded for the stud sheep sold during the last month, whereby an average price of £11 8s 10d per head for 3258 sheep has been obtained, against £9 11s 8d, for 3544 in 1898. This splendid average, contrary to the anticipation of many, who thought that the bad seasons would seriously affect the market, was a success, thus showing that the late general rains have given the woolgrowers heart to keep up the standard of their flocks by the introduction of new blood, to obtain as far as possible heavy fleeces of the merino type.

AGRICULTURE.

Wheat.—It is with feelings of disappointment that our hopes of a record crop for last spring were not realised in finding the colony able to grow enough wheat for its own consumption and to have a substantial surplus for export, and thus, for the first time in the history of the colony, it would have been able to take its place in the world's wheat market. But owing to the dry and withering winds in October the forecast of an average 15 bushels per acre crop was cruelly shattered by an actual result of about seven bushels average. Although the increase of area as against the preceding year in wheat alone was 319,012 acres, it only gave a yield of 9,235,647 bushels, against 10,560,111 bushels for 1898. The newly created Corn Trade Section at this particular period was very active in making arrangements for the handling and shipping of our surplus wheat, and communications were opened with the adjoining colonies, so that all Australian cargoes could be dealt with under a uniform charter party, and the fixing of fair average quality standards of wheat for shipment. The Government Board of Exports at this time was about to take upon itself the fixing of these standards, but on representation being made to the Minister of Agriculture that it was the custom of all British chambers of commerce to deal with this important matter, he requested the committee to appoint two of his officers as "expert advisers" on the Corn Trade Sectional Committee, which was gladly acceded to. Having everything in order, all arrangements are now completed for the coming season, and every indication points to a good crop, and a large exportable surplus. Agriculturists, I am glad to say, have made most marked improvements in the tillage of the soil, and have been helped to a great extent by our Department of Agriculture, whose experiments have been made at various centres in the colony, with different varieties of seed, under conditions which are in keeping with the interests, soil, and climatic conditions of the particular district. For instance, with the great improvement in machinery, disc ploughs and modern cultivators, growers are now able to break up the land, and a farmer is enabled to sow his seed and get the first rainfall to start his crop, instead of having to wait for a general rainfall to soften the ground previous to ploughing, as heretofore, thus securing early sowing which is all-important for this cereal. Also, the drilling in of seed with artificial manure is bearing good results. In securing early sowing I am informed by practical farmers that the use of the spring-tooth cultivators enables a ploughman to break up 100 acres a week as against 50 by the double-furrow ploughs, thus reducing the cost of labour by one-half. Also, about three-quarters of a bushel of seed per acre is ample when drilled in as against a bushel, a bushel and a quarter, or a bushel and a half under the old broadcast system. All this at once reduces the cost to the grower, which in these periods of low wheat prices is a big consideration. Speaking of future prices the market for the last season has been a dragging one, the average price being 2s 10d landed Sydney for the first half of the year; but I have noticed that generally a cheap seeding is followed by higher prices, and it is quite likely that, by the time our harvest is ready, by the new year, wheat, like other produce, will range at higher levels, so that our growers will derive the full benefit of their incoming crop. The question of handling, storing, and transit of grain is one of the matters which will have to be dealt with at an early date. In my opinion the time is at present premature for the erection of elevators, when all our wheat is received and shipped in bags; but something must be done by the Railway Commissioners in the way of the erection of inexpensive storage sheds at various wheat centres, where farmers can hold their grain pending a turn of the market, which will relieve to a great extent the strain on the railway rolling stock during the first three months of the year. There is one matter which I would like the Corn Trade Section to consider. That is the question of handling wheat in smaller bags—say, 120lb.—as is done in America and Canada. A sack of wheat, weighing on an average 250lb., is too heavy for the ordinary labourer to handle with ease, and it confines this class of labour to those only who are physically fit for this work. The question of the cost of these small bags is a consideration, and with jute commanding such high prices and large wheat sacks being worth, say, 6d each, I believe that arrangements could be made for a smaller sack (to hold about 120lb.) at 2d; so the question of the expense for extra bags will not be much of a consideration. I admit there will be a certain prejudice against the introduction of this humane system; but with the experience of the United States and Canada and the up-to-date tendency as regards handling and economy by our wheatgrowers I think that it is only necessary to introduce the idea to have it therefore accomplished. There has been an increase of the cultivated area of all other cereals from 1,821,829 acres in 1898 to 2,195,669 acres in 1899, or a total increase since 1890 of 1,248,597 acres—nearly 100 per cent. This is particularly gratifying to those who were doubtful of the agricultural future of the colony, and pastoralists who looked with doubt upon the struggling selector have now joined hands with him and encouraged him in changing bisarable lands from sheep runs into cultivation paddocks on what is known as the "shares system."

DAIRYING.

The dairying industry makes rapid progress. Whereas 10 years ago New South Wales was a large importer of butter, I note in 1898, 9,127,181lb., or over 4000 tons, were shipped away, chiefly to London and the Cape. Our humid coastal districts, and more especially our rich Northern rivers, have proved peculiarly adapted to the development of dairying. The introduction of "refrigerators" has overcome climatic drawbacks on the one hand, and distance from consuming markets on the other. The marvellously rapid growth of this industry bears pleasing testimony to the energy and adaptability of our people. We find that no sooner is a new method or a new machine proved to be an improvement on that formerly in use, than it is adopted, and experts tell us that we are in no respects behind those older countries in Europe that have had half a century's experience at their back. I am glad to see that there is a wave of opinion in favour of Pasteurisation spreading through the land. This system will overcome many difficulties under which the industry has laboured in the past, such as fishy flavours, &c. It will enable us, also, to compete on more even terms with Denmark, where Pasteurisation is compulsory by law, and by its aid we shall hear the last of the boracic acid scare, which recently threatened our butters in England. The prospects of this industry in the future cannot be painted in hues too bright. Even if prices fall below the present remunerative rates, the utilisation of by-products, such as pig-fattening for bacon-curing purposes, will more than recompense our producers for the lower rates they will have to accept, while their rivals in less-favoured countries will be less able to stand up against the brunt of their competition. There is but one dark spot looming up on the horizon. I refer to the threatened invasion of the Queensland cattle tick, which has even now all but reached the northern border of the colony. If it is possible to avert this calamity, or at any rate to minimise the evils attendant on its visit, the dairying industry has but little to fear in the future.

MINING AND DREDGING.

With respect to mining matters in New South Wales, I am convinced that our mineral wealth is enormous, and in variety, no other colony approaches us, not excepting Queensland. We have gold, tin, copper, diamonds, silver, iron ore, bismuth, &c., and, of course, coal and shale in abundance. The extent to which the greater number of these exist is but dimly guessed at, for the simple reason that the country is but yet half prospected. Mine "managers" are often unqualified, and no test of fitness or certificates is required either by the Government or the employer. Men take up mining as a profession, and pose as experts, who have never been down a shaft, and naturally, as a result, discredit is brought upon those who interest themselves in mining, and as it is the custom to look with undue suspicion on all mining ventures there is little encouragement for those who work on legitimate lines. I hold the view that, whilst mining is one of our most important industries, it might be greatly helped and developed if business men would speculate on business lines, and go into it as an industry rather than as a gamble. In trade, we have keen competition; the novelty or fashionable article, manufactured to-day, is stale or surpassed to-morrow. Now, in mining (conducted honestly), the increment of wealth is from the soil, all it requires is some one to win it from its dormant state, but, assuming the cost of winning it is not too great, it enriches the employer of labour, and as a rule provides a fair living wage for the miner. The mining laws must be speedily altered and amended, if the investing public at home are to have any confidence in us. As the regulations stand, no provision is made for the protection of those who wish to go into dredging on river beds adjacent to private lands, nor are the so-called riparian rights clearly defined in the interests of the pastoralists, but as a matter of fact the dredging operations are conducted successfully in Victoria and New Zealand, the former chiefly by hydraulic pumps, and have not been in the least degree detrimental to the agriculturist and pastoralist.

COAL.

The output of coal still moves on the up grade, and there has been an increase from 2,696,623 tons to 2,791,796 during the past 12 months. At the end of the year in the coal industry difficulties has arisen in respect to the weighing clause, but, after several conferences between masters and men, the difficulties have been overcome by a rearrangement of prices and the adoption of weighing of all output. In one or two quarters at present friction still exists, but this is a matter which we trust, now that labour and capital have much better relations, will not result in any strike for the maintenance of the miners' rights or wrongs. Much interest is being taken, not only in mining, but in scientific circles, in the spirited work now being carried out by the Sydney Harbour Collieries' Company on the shores of Port Jackson, which we all hope will eventuate in a successful issue. It is gratifying also that although a substantial advance has taken place in the price of this product at the pit mouth, still there has been no diminution in the export.

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS.

In closing my report on our raw products, it is necessary to give the value of our colony's trade for 1898, as compared with 1897, and it will be interesting to see the continued increase of our imports from £21,744,250 to £24,453,560, and in exports from £23,751,072 to £27,648,117, making a total trade of £52,101,677 for 1898, as compared with £45,495,422 for 1897, showing an increase of trade of £6,606,255 during the 12 months.

SHIPPING AND TONNAGE.

For the past 12 months tonnage represents a trade of both inwards and outwards of 6,919,928 tons, or, divided, as follows:—Inwards, 3,464,867; and outwards, 3,455,061 tons. Re the Fire Brigade Act, the unsatisfactory working of this Act in connection with fires on board ships alongside wharfs or in the harbour has been prominently brought before the mercantile community lately. The fact that by a recent decision it is laid down that the powers of the fire brigade do not extend beyond the foreshores of the harbour creates a very serious problem to be solved as to the putting out of fires on board ships. It has been suggested in some quarters that the Government should collect a nominal sum from all vessels entering the port, which would raise a fund to provide and support a thoroughly equipped floating brigade, with necessary appliances and power to act in case of need. Another proposition is that the necessary powers be given the fire brigade as at present constituted to act in cases of fires on board ships, and a regular scale of charges be laid down for such services, thereby obviating the present unsatisfactory state of affairs with regard to claims for expenses and salvage, causing endless trouble and dispute. After several years of endeavour on the part of this colony to set up a direct trade with the thickly populated towns of Great Britain, such as Glasgow, Liverpool, and Manchester, you will be pleased to note that several of the largest steamship lines are now catering for this trade. The wage-earners in these densely populated parts are all consumers of our frozen mutton, which they can get by the cheaper direct route, instead of being distributed through the London agents. There is one thing, however, that will have to be maintained, and that is the quality. Attention has been drawn to this frequently by our home correspondents, and if we are to gain the confidence of the British consumers, it can only be done by maintaining a fair and even sample.

RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT.

It is satisfactory to see the profitable result in our Railway Department for the past 12 months, which represents about £38,000,000, and which yields a percentage of 3·66; and this department is, to a very great extent, dependent on the produce of the colony, which, as I explained before, has suffered severely during the past 12 months. But notwithstanding this, by careful management it has shown a result which is more than was anticipated, and the fact that we have lower rates for stock and produce than the other colonies is worthy of more than passing comment; and it is hoped that this ably administered department will, with continued prosperous years, see its way clear to reduce the rates, so as to encourage production and settlement in these back country districts, for railway and settlement go hand in hand. Now, with federation the anomalies and differential rates will be dealt with by the Inter-State Commission; but it appears to me that at no very distant date the simplest way to manage the connected Australian railways will be by the taking over of this valuable asset by the Commonwealth. The four colonies having railway connection represent £106,000,000. The pooling of the railways will not only prevent unfair border traffic, but there will be considerable saving in the management by such an amalgamation. The establishment of the betterment principle in respect to light pioneer branch lines, whereby a district is prepared to pay a local rate until the line becomes remunerative, is, to my mind, sound, and should be encouraged, so that the other parts of the colony are not taxed unduly for the risks in opening a line which at the outset may not pay more than the grease on the wheels. The department may not look with favour on the idea of building locks on the Darling, or the proposed canal through the Riverina; but it is the duty of the producer to get his stuff to the market by the cheapest route. The Darling, for the last few years, has been practically unnavigable, but a series of locks would give an outlet to the pioneers of this back country; and, under federation, it does not much matter whether Adelaide or Melbourne gets the disposal of the produce, so long as the producer benefits.

THE CITY RAILWAY.

The necessity of bringing the railway into the city is now admitted on all sides. Notwithstanding the sentiment that has been displayed over the surrender of a few acres of Hyde Park, it appears to me that the original scheme of the Railway Commissioners, backed up by the Public Works Committee, that takes the railway to St. James'-road, is the most practical and economical one. As for the people dreading the encroachment on the park's land, it must be considered that Sydney has a larger area of park and recreation grounds in the city itself than any other city in the world, taking park acreage to population into account. Also, a railway going alongside Hyde Park need not destroy it for purposes of recreation, as is proved by the Princes-street Parks, Edinburgh, the railway through which is neither objectionable nor an eyesore. With the provision already made for the shipment of raw products, such as grain, shale, and coal, at Pyrmont, there is not the necessity for Darling Harbour railway along Sussex-street as formerly, as there is ample railway berthing accommodation for vessels at Pyrmont Wharf and Darling Island, whereas with imports the goods have to be landed and stored before they can be finally distributed in the city and suburbs or despatched inland, but what is required is increased accommodation for Sussex-street for the cartage of freight to the intercolonial and coastal steamers. The blocks in traffic affect the despatch of goods from the port and maintain high rates of cartage. Something will have to be done sooner or later by the City Council in widening the western or lower side of Sussex-street from King-street, so as to deal with this increasing trouble.

PACIFIC CABLE AND POSTAL.

At the present moment the Pacific cable is nearer consummation than at any other period in its history, and the combined action taken by the Australian chambers of commerce in urging the necessity of the construction of an all-British cable has had its effect. The risk of having one life, so to speak, through the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company is neither conducive to safety, commerce, nor strategy. Experts have proved that the Pacific cable will be a profitable undertaking, and the lower rates which will then be charged will encourage a more frequent use of cabling than there has been in the past. I would like to mention that our late ex-president, Mr. S. A. Joseph, whose death we deplore, took a very active interest and consistent part in this question, and I would beg to refer you to his able paper contributed at the conference of Australasian chambers of commerce in 1897. By the latest cable advices we find that representatives of Canada and the colonies had a lengthy conference with Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and they agreed that the cable should be an Imperial one on the basis of the recent report of the Imperial and colonial committee, and it was decided to appoint a board of eight, comprising three representatives from Great Britain, two from Australia, two from Canada, and one from New Zealand to arrange the preliminaries and to call for tenders. So it is my good fortune to be president of the chamber when this important work has been practically accomplished. The chamber recognises the practical support given by the late Postmaster-General, the Hon. Joseph Cook, in the advocacy of the Pacific cable, and he has been ably seconded by the Hon. Varney Parkes in bringing this to a successful issue. The Postal Department has also to be congratulated in the carrying out of postal and telegraphic conveniences for the mercantile community on holidays. We also hear that the Postmaster-General is making arrangements with the agents of Marconi's wireless telegraphy with a view to experimenting on our coasts. Had these instruments been on board the Perthshire, which was disabled and buffeted about for fully 50 days and 50 nights, our minds would have been easier, for she would probably have been able to come within a radius of speaking distance with the passing steamers.

EASTERN TRADE.

There is a marvellous opening in the markets of China, Japan, the Philippines, and Java for our raw products, and with the various lines of steamers that are trading to these ports, and with low freight, there is every possibility of us at last being able to compete with the Pacific slope. Japan's demand for flour and breadstuffs during the last two or three years has shown such a wonderful increase that it looks as if this important country is awakening, as far as food supply and manufactures go, to the requirements of American, British, and European countries; and should this vast population in the East divert their attention from rice to breadstuffs as an article of diet, we will have a market at our doors for our surplus wheat in the shape of flour. Also, South Africa is becoming a regular consumer of our frozen and tinned meat and flour, and other articles of consumption, and we have to keep in touch with our markets nearer at home than England, as the surplus products of the other countries are produced under perhaps more favourable climates, at a reduced cost, and lower freights. As you are aware, the Associated Chambers of Commerce of Great Britain delegated Lord Charles Beresford to make investigations with a view to the trade relations with China and the Empire, and no better selection could have been made. After a most careful investigation, he closed by saying, "What is wanted for China is the 'open door,' a fair field, and no favour, and this must not only be guaranteed, but 'secured.'" China increased her imports from all parts 18·4 per cent. from 1888 to 1896, and Japan 121·9 per cent., while in exports China increased only 18·1 per cent. and Japan 63·1 per cent.

STATE INTERFERENCE.

The question of how far State interference in industry is beneficial has recently received a decisive answer. The work done by the New South Wales Board for Exports during the last two years of its existence has been out of all proportion to its cost to the taxpayer. Its attempts to foster the export of citrus fruits terminated with disaster, which culminated with the prosecution of costermongers in London for selling oranges branded "Board for Exports, Sydney," and yet held as unfit for human food. When it attempted to insinuate its fostering care on to the butter industry it met with nothing but rebuffs. Its suggestion that grain elevators should be introduced into the colony for the economical handling of wheat has been regarded as impracticable by the trade. In short, its whole operations have been of a negative rather than a positive character, if we except, perhaps, an insignificant trade in rabbits and poultry. Where State interference appears to fail lies in the fact that its servants have no direct monetary responsibility, such as obtains between the management of an ordinary trading concern and its shareholders, or between an employee and his employer. Similar experiences are reported from the neighbouring colonies. In Victoria, there is the Maffra beet sugar episode; in South Australia, the Renmark irrigation colony; in Queensland, the Central Sugar Mills; none of which enterprises have resulted as happily as their projectors had anticipated. In future, it is to be hoped that the State will lend a helping hand to private enterprise rather than hamper it as in the past, and that the individual will have the very freest scope for his activity.

SECTIONAL COMMITTEES.

The influence and the work of the sectional committees are beginning to bear good fruit, whereby a large number of members are able to take an active interest in the deliberations of the chamber, and the committee thus derive the benefit of expert and special advice. The chamber is desirous of encouraging these sectional committees, who can assist the general council in the settlement of many questions. These committees also have the means of spreading the work over many members, and not confining the active work to the general committee only. I must commend the shipping sectional committee for their effective work in securing many amendments in the bill to amend the Navigation Acts, and the Government introduced into the Council nearly all the proposed alterations and suggestions in the form of amendments on the bill, which had been hurriedly passed by the Assembly in a most imperfect state; and I notice the bill has a prominent place on the Government programme for this session. Re bills of lading: I quite concur with the view of the shipping sectional committee that, in view of the early federation of the colonies, it is desirable to postpone further consideration of the question in the interim, as this matter was discussed at the conference of associated chambers in 1897, and resolutions were passed that each chamber was to get the respective Governments to amend the law in regard to bills of lading; but, as we are now within a few months of practical federation, this is a matter which we can safely leave, with many others, to be dealt with, if necessary, by the Federal Parliament.

COMMERCIAL EDUCATION.

I look upon this as one of our most important sections, which, although it has only been a few months in existence, has laid the groundwork for a higher commercial curriculum in our public schools. I would like the chamber to see its way to give an annual prize for efficiency in commercial subjects for competition at our public schools. The advantages of a good commercial education and training to a youth, if followed up by practical commercial experience after leaving school, must open a field for him in after life of good position in the commercial and financial world, that is, if he is endowed by nature with the necessary qualifications, such as tact, judgment, and ability.

It is admitted that the learned professions do not offer a great deal of lucrative employment, and many of the industrial and commercial occupations are requiring more and more intellectual training. Take commerce. The commodities and adjustment of finance are (among the higher departments) very complicated operations, which produce scope for the strongest gifts and intelligences developed by specialised training and experience. A youth of more than average ability has a better chance of acquiring wealth in commerce than in the crowded professions, that is, supposing his inclination is to be a trader. In these days science is moving so rapidly that it is only by a higher standard of commerce and technical education that we can expect to turn the natural resources of this great colony to their greatest benefit.

RETURNING PROSPERITY.

With confidence rapidly and surely regained, we see on all sides evidence of improved values in city and suburban properties. The investor, with his usual temerity, touched nothing during the last five years but gilt-edged securities and 3 per cent. Government stock, but the very satisfactory balance-sheet submitted by the Colonial Treasurer at the end of his financial year, showing a surplus of £147,000, exceeded all anticipations, and the promise that there would not be any necessity to touch the tariff, leaving the settlement of this to the Federal Government, has given a filip to investment stocks, rent-producing properties, and industrial enterprises. The rise in value of our principal raw commodities during the last year, amounting to 27 per cent. in wool, 70 per cent. in tin, 8 per cent. in lead, 52·5 per cent. in copper, 16 per cent. in tallow, and 40 per cent. in sheep, has altered the conditions of our export values. The increase of deposits in our savings banks is from £9,136,793 in 1897 to £9,480,944 in 1898; and our deposits at the banks of issue have increased from £29,606,735 in 1897 to £29,852,711 in 1898. The output of gold increased from £1,128,164 in 1897 to £1,244,330 in 1898, against only £460,285 in 1890, making a total value of gold produced in the colony of £45,794,197 to the end of 1898. The value of our silver, lead, and ore in 1897 was £1,698,239, against £1,704,055 in 1898, making a total to the end of 1898 of £25,812,340. Tin: £49,900 in 1897, against £60,600 in 1898; total value of tin to end of 1898, £6,307,918. Copper: £283,174 in 1897, against £280,887 in 1898; making a total of £4,632,230 to 1898. Total mineral production for 1897, £4,625,071, against £4,860,937 in 1898, making a grand total of £119,877,757 up to the end of 1898, in value of all mineral output from the colony. Bankruptcy: In 1897, 845 persons passed through the Bankruptcy Court, representing £610,111 of liabilities, against only 787 persons in 1898, representing £605,563. The banking crisis of 1893 gave the country traders and others the means of introducing the "cash system," which previously was almost considered impossible, and this has placed the country trader on a much sounder basis, and the strain on the city merchant for renewals on the "momentous fourth" is, I am glad to say, getting a thing of the past. The return of good seasons and increased values of pastoral products have caused an inquiry for station properties, which have been for the last few years a drag on our financial institutions and companies, and this industry, which has proved in the past to be the backbone of the colony, will be once more placed on a profitable basis.

CONCLUSION.

In bringing my address to a close allow me to thank the committee and the secretary for the generous and loyal support they have meted out to me during my term of office, and I would crave the indulgence of the members if my sanguine and hopeful temperament has led me to take too optimistic a view of the resources and possibilities of this colony, and I hope that this now historic chamber will wield its influence and guidance in the maintenance of a high standard in commercial life, in safeguarding the enormous interests involved in the commerce of New South Wales. Never, in my opinion, has any country in the world stepped into a new century with brighter prospects than New South Wales, the mother colony of federated Australia.

OTHER SPEAKERS.

Mr. James Inglis said he had to compliment the Chamber and the country upon the clear, shrewd, and practical exposition of the main topics of the commercial life of the country which had been given by the president. A cheerful and hopeful outlook was breathed in every sentence of the address; but still it was a true description of the stage of commercial progress which had been reached by this community. The president had made apt references to the adaptability and energy of the people. It was difficult to understand the croakings which came from certain quarters when attempts were made to compare ourselves to others. He was delighted to hear such a clear and hopeful speech. The Sydney harbour colliery, which had been referred to, was an important undertaking. The mine shaft, which was 18ft. in diameter, was now down 1200ft. In the matter of speed in sinking they had beaten the world's record, as the average depth sunk per day was 7ft. That was a falsification of the gloomy predictions which had been made. From all the appearances it was safe to assert that they were on the eve of better times, and they might well rejoice upon the fact that the gloomy days seemed to belong to the past. (Applause.) He had much pleasure in seconding the motion for the adoption of the report. (Applause.)

Mr. A. W. Meeks said that Mr. Inglis had not spoken too highly of the character of the president's address. They were too often apt to become pessimistic. Although they had troubles in the shape of droughts, still there was compensation in the shape of higher prices, and they had good hope of the high prices which now existed being maintained. He knew cases in which difficulty had been experienced in getting orders executed at home. That was a fact which indicated a continuance of high prices. However, they must have great sympathy with the pastoralists on account of what they had passed through. The outlook now, however, was hopeful. The progress which had been made on all sides was a matter of general congratulation.

Mr. W. H. Paxton said the chamber had done good work in postal and telegraphic matters; but it must still continue to pay attention to the Pacific cable question lest other influence should thwart their objects. Perhaps it would be now well to reconsider the constitution of the chamber. They had not had an opportunity of doing so for 18 months. Their object was primarily to consider mercantile subjects, and they should have quarterly meetings, at which important subjects could be considered. Mr. Paxton also referred to the necessity of better cable regulation and certain conveniences which were necessary in connection with the San Francisco mail service, besides other matters.

Mr. H. C. Piper said the number of garbled cablegrams which were received in Sydney was a serious matter for business men, who were put to expense in having messages repeated. There was no reason why the post-office letter-boxes should not be available during the night as well as the day time.

The President said that when the incoming committee met it would give consideration to the matters which had been brought under notice. The San Francisco mail service had already had attention. If a third of the members of the committee retired each year the infusion of new blood which would result would create increased interest in the proceedings of the chamber. Better postal facilities would also be considered.

The motion for the adoption of the report was carried unanimously.

The election of officers resulted as follows:—General committee: Messrs. John S. Brunton, J. Russell French, W. J. Gollin, M. Gotthelf, Charles J. Henty, J. Barre Johnston, G. S. Littlejohn, J. P. M'Arthur, A. W. Meeks, A. F. Robinson, E. H. Rogers, F. W. Stoddart, J. H. Storey, J. T. Tillock, George Wall. Sectional committee's building material section: Messrs. E. F. Broad, Alexander Dean, J. H. Goodlet, H. Hudson, J. Barre Johnston, W. J. Keep, G. S. Littlejohn. Wine and spirit trade section: Messrs. F. Bligh, R. Sandeman Collum, C. J. Henty, W. M. Cameron, H. Charles Mitchell, C. Nathan, A. F. Robinson, N. Shelley, C. Churchill Tucker. Legal section: Messrs. A. De Lissa, M. Gotthelf, G. S. Littlejohn, M. Mitchell, James Moir, E. W. Perkins, E. H. Rogers, George Wall, J. Malbon Thompson. It was decided to take a ballot next Wednesday for the election of the remaining committees.

Mr. Dugald Thomson, M.L.A., proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring office-bearers. He said that during the past year increased attention had been paid to the legislation which came before Parliament. That was a useful function of the chamber.

Mr. Littlejohn seconded the motion, which was carried by acclamation.

The President, in returning thanks, said that no less than 60 meetings of the chamber and the committees had been held. He thought that in the past the chamber had exercised mainly a silent influence, but the time had come when they should assert themselves more positively in the interests of the commercial development of the country. (Applause.)

CYCLING.

AUSTRALIAN CLUB'S ROAD RACE.

The club will hold its first road race to-morrow afternoon on the road from Manly to Bayview and back. The distance is about 25 miles. The recent wet weather cut the road up terribly, but it is now levelling down again pretty well. There can be no doubt about the course being the best to be obtained, for the traffic is not great, and there is every opportunity for each rider to show his true form if he is in condition. Many of the competitors have been training over the course, as is customary, and several good trials were made yesterday and the day before. Should the weather keep fine to-morrow's race should be worth witnessing.

ASHFIELD BICYCLE CLUB.

The club intends being present to-night at the union's skate meeting, and to-morrow will ride to Manly to view the big road race.

CYCLISTS' UNION.

Arrangements are being made by the executive of the union for the calling together of representatives from the amateur athletic bodies in the colony with a view to forming a conference to discuss various matters in connection with the welfare of amateurism. The Swimming Association has appointed its delegates, and the Amateur Athletic Association has expressed its willingness to form part of the conference, which is to meet in August.

SKATE NIGHT.

To-night the Cyclists' Union holds its annual skate night at the Darlinghurst Rink. The entries for the skate handicap to be run off during the evening will be received at the rink by the hon. secretary of the union, and an open order is being offered as a prize.

BALMAIN BICYCLE CLUB.

The club has decided to visit Manly on Saturday in order to witness the Australian Club's road race. Matters in connection with the club's social, which is to be held in the Hampden Hall on the 9th of next month, are progressing admirably, and the function promises to be a great success. The committee is endeavouring to arrange for a tour to Orange on Eight-hour Day in October next. The intention being to leave on Friday night, returning on Monday or Tuesday.

A NOVEL STIRRUP PEDAL.

A novel stirrup pedal for bicycles has just been patented in New York, the pedal being designed to enable a rider to exert greater power on the down-stroke, and to obtain a better control of the cycle when back-pedalling. The stirrup is pivoted on the pedal-pin of the crank by means of a sleeve swinging on ball bearings, so that whatever be the position of the crank the pedal or stirrup will always hang vertically. It is claimed for the stirrup that less knee action is required, owing to the short up-stroke, and, further, that the long down-stroke enables the rider to get a greater leverage on account of the rider having the crank length plus the depth of the stirrup on the down thrust, the movement of the foot being elliptical instead of the circle now described with the ordinary crank pedal.

AUSTRAL WHEEL MEETING.—£1000 PRIZE MONEY.

The Melbourne Bicycle Club intends distributing the large sum of £1000 as prize money at its next Austral Wheel Carnival, which will extend over three Saturdays in December next. This is the largest sum ever given as prize money by any cycling club for one meeting, and clearly indicates what the premier Australian club thinks about the outlook for next racing season.

EARLY CLOSING.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—The reply given by Mr. Hogue to the deputation that waited upon him with reference to the early closing of shops holds out but little promise of judicious treatment of the matter at the hands of the Ministry, and from what may be gathered from that gentleman's remarks a representation of the fortunately abortive bill of last session is all that can be hoped or feared—at present.

It seems to me, Sir, that, so far, the merits of the question have only been considered from three points of view, while, as a matter of fact, there is a fourth interest that demands consideration, viz., the interest of the suburban employer of labour, to which class I happen to belong. Putting it briefly, the essence of the measure that was shelved last session was that no labour was to be employed after 6 p.m. The effect of this would be to penalise those who give employment to others, while the shopkeeper who confers no benefit of that description could remain open all night.

I have no doubt that this idea was conceived in the interests of the small tradesman, but I may point out that the assumption that the small man is always poor and struggling, while the employer of labour is "well to do," is not always borne out by commercial experience. The small man is invariably able to meet his engagements, while the big man is obliged to resort to overdrafts if he can find security or to renewals if he cannot. Therefore, I say, the tradesman is to be penalised if he employs labour. The views of the members of the deputation who waited upon the Minister were the result, no doubt, of long consideration, added to an intimate knowledge of the whole question. To close all shops at a certain hour (excepting, of course, certain trades) leaves matters more or less as they are; to carry out the principles of the last Government measure will be to legislate directly in favour of certain individuals other than those for whom legislation is demanded. A long experience proves to me that the bill should provide for the closing of shops at 6 p.m. in city and suburbs four days in the week, and one day at 10.30 p.m. For the city a half-holiday on Saturday, and for the country a half-holiday on Wednesday.

I am, &c.,
July 22. SUBURBAN TRADESMAN.

A meeting of the Marrickville Ratepayers' Association was held at Boyer's Rooms, Marrickville, on Wednesday evening. The president, Mr. R. G. Brereton, J.P., presided, and there was a large attendance of members. After discussion the revised rules of the association were adopted, and the secretary was instructed to have them printed.

It seems the fate of modest men
To hide their talents deep;
Perhaps it is their will, but then
Perchance they go to sleep;
Now, live men know what's in the wind,
Of that you may be sure,
For coughs and colds relief they find
In Woods' Great Peppermint Cure.—Advt.

COUNTRY NEWS.

FATAL SHOOTING ACCIDENT.

DUBBO, Thursday.

John Fogarty, 17, son of a railway employee, went out shooting with six other persons yesterday. One of the party named Madden, when in the scrub, fired a pea rifle at a pigeon. Fogarty was struck on the right side of the chest. The bullet glanced on to the shoulder blade. The sufferer was taken home and attended to by Dr. Hope. The bullet could not be found. Fogarty died about 3 a.m. to-day. He was conscious up to the time of death.

BATHURST, Thursday.

A meeting of the members of the Bathurst branch of the Farmers and Settlers' Association was held this afternoon. Mr. E. J. Baldwin was elected secretary in place of Mr. John Boyd, who had resigned, and Messrs. J. J. Sullivan and Boyd were appointed delegates to the Farmers' Conference to be held at Orange in August next.

At a meeting held to-night it was decided to hold the usual eight-hour demonstration on the first Wednesday in October. The balance-sheet of last year's celebration showed a credit balance of £13.

BEGA, Thursday.

The Bega Benevolent Society's annual meeting was held to-day. The balance-sheet showed that the society has at credit nearly £80 and Government endowment of £86 is due. The following committee was elected:—Mesdames Evershed, Gowing, Rosenthall, Hume, Miss Tarlinton, Dr. Evershed, Messrs. Atkinson, Braine, Filmer, and M'Cutcheon, with the police magistrate, the Mayor, and the local clergy as ex-officio members.

COBBORA, Thursday.

The secretary to the Public Works Committee has written saying the notes of evidence taken in favour of the Mudgee railway extension have been lost. Mr. Levien and Dr. Garran were absent when the evidence was taken.

CARCOAR, Thursday.

Frosts are seriously damaging young grass.

CASINO, Thursday.

William Williams has been committed for trial on a charge of entering the premises of the Royal Hotel with intent to commit a felony.

The Stock Board some time ago communicated with the department re "salted" cattle to be forwarded to Queensland. To-day Mr. Devlin, stock inspector, informed the board that he had just received a telegram announcing that a reply was posted. The opinion is growing that Queensland cattle should be absolutely prohibited from crossing the border into New South Wales.

COWRA, Thursday.

The Amateur Dramatic Club staged in the Centennial Hall last night Watts-Phillips' drama, entitled "Not Guilty." New scenery was provided. The Rev. Seymour Smith was stage manager. Over 400 persons were present. The proceeds were in aid of the School of Arts.

There is an abundance of grass. The crops are looking well.

COOMA, Thursday.

A ball was held last night to open the new drill hall recently erected at Cooma. There was a large attendance, including Major Faulkner and Lieutenants Mawson and Devereux. The ball was a great success.

GRAFTON, Thursday.

Mrs. Nicholls, Australasian president of the W.C.T.U., concluded a successful temperance mission here to-night.

The Bishop of Grafton and Armidale confirmed 30 candidates at South Grafton on Monday.

Yesterday was arbour day at St. Matthew's Church, South Grafton, when Bishop Green, Archdeacon Moxon and others planted trees in the church grounds. During the afternoon the Bishop was the recipient of an illuminated address from South Grafton parishioners. His Lordship visited Coramba to-day.

GILGANDRA, Thursday.

Some boys named King, while looking for a horse rug this morning, found a man lying in a pool of blood at the rear of an unoccupied house in the main street. The man had a large wound in the throat, and was in a precarious condition. Senior-constable Berry removed him to the police station. He wanted to camp last night with some Indians, but they would not let him. It is surmised he came from Collie, about 24 miles from here. The police are looking for his swag.

GOULBURN, Thursday.

The following sentences were recorded at the Quarter Sessions to-day:—William M'Gee, cattle stealing, two years' hard labour; William Thomas Soles, bigamy, nine months' hard labour; Edward Heather, assault, two years.

HARDEN, Thursday.

The ninth anniversary of the Wesleyan Church was celebrated yesterday with a tea and concert. The hall was crowded. The conductor was Mr. C. James. Addresses were given by the Revs. B. Dinning, J. Thomas, and J. H. E. Fydeman.

HAY, Thursday.

A meeting of residents on the river was held last night with reference to the proposed weir at Yanko. The Mayor presided, and the following resolution was passed:—"This meeting views with alarm the proposal to in any way interfere with the natural bed of the Murrumbidgee River." It was also resolved to collect funds for the purpose of taking whatever steps are necessary to preserve the interests of those who would be affected. A strong committee of pastoralists was appointed to act with the municipal council.

LIVERPOOL, Thursday.

The net proceeds of the recent ball in aid of St. Anne's Orphanage amount to nearly £61.

Respecting the proposed road through Macquarie Fields Estate from the Glenfield station to Cross Roads, Mr. Kidd, M.L.A., has written to the Glenfield Progress Association intimating that a surveyor has been instructed to survey the road and expedite the transmission of plans. The association resolved to forward a reply to the effect that it agreed to the Government closing the existing crossing providing the proposed road is opened.

The Canley Vale and Seven Hills Fruitgrowers' Association have decided to co-operate with the Glenfield Progress Association in its effort to obtain representation from the table grape growers of the county of Cumberland at the forthcoming conference to be held in Melbourne to consider the phylloxera question.

The anniversary tea meeting in connection with the local Orange Lodge was held last night. During the evening addresses were delivered by the chairman, Mr. J. Rowe, W.M., the Rev. Mr. Perkins, and the Rev. Mr. Hopkins.

A social promoted to augment the funds of the Ladies' Benevolent Society was held in the Town Hall last night, and proved a decided success. During the evening Alderman Chapman presented Mr. Brennan, a railway official, recently transferred to Wollongong, with a set of gold sleeve links, on behalf of the members of the Liverpool Social Club.

MITTAGONG, Thursday.

The annual ball in aid of the local brass band funds was held in the Canterbury Hall last night. About 50 couples were present.

MOLONG, Thursday.

The annual hospital ball was held at Manildra yesterday.

A public meeting was held at Cargo to reorganise the progress committee. There were 55 names handed in. Mr. G. Kingsley is president, Mr. M. Byrnes vice-president, Mr. J. Hamilton secretary, Mr. J. P. Buckley treasurer; Messrs. J. Croft, W. M. Collins, J. Carey, W. C. Davis, and J. McMahon the committee.

MOREE, Thursday.

At the annual meeting of the P. and A. Association, Mr. P. C. Watt was elected president. The receipts were £487 13s 4d, expenditure £203 15s 11d. The credit on the year's transactions was £264 4s 6d. At a special meeting held afterwards it was decided to hold the show on the dates fixed, viz., August 30 and 31 and September 1. The committee endorsed the decision re ball, arranged for the first and second nights. They placed on record the valuable services rendered by Mr. Cohen, the secretary.

MURRUMBURRAH, Thursday.

Mr. C. Robertson, the newly-appointed P.M. for Young district, sat on the bench here to-day for the first time. He was congratulated by Mr. J. Bourke, Mr. J. C. Foley, and Sergeant M'Intosh on behalf of the Bench, legal profession, and police respectively.

Young wheat and other crops are very forward.

MUSWELLBROOK, Thursday.

A pasteurising demonstration was given at Mr. J. Withycombe's Millgrove Butter Factory yesterday by Mr. C. Pedersen, of the Agricultural Department. He explained why the pasteurising system should be adopted in buttermaking, and said that the Millgrove butter was equal in quality to any manufactured in the colony.

PILLIGA, Thursday.

The annual meeting of the School of Arts was held on Monday. The report showed the income was £103 and the credit £19.

At a public meeting on Tuesday Mr. Chadwick, a delegate from the Newcastle Chamber of Commerce, travelling in the interest of railway extension from Narrabri to Walgett, gave an address, pointing out the advantages accruing from the connection of this district with Newcastle, its natural seaport. A resolution was carried affirming the desirability of co-operation with Newcastle, at the same time stating that in the opinion of the meeting the line should be carried along the south bank of the Namoi. Mr. Chadwick was accorded a vote of thanks, and was desired to convey the views of the meeting to the Newcastle Chamber of Commerce. He left for Wee Waa to-day.

RAYMOND TERRACE, Thursday.

For the position of alderman in the Municipal Council to fill the vacancy made by the resignation of Alderman R. A. Elkin, Messrs. H. Smith, P. Milgate, and S. N. Dark have been nominated.

The weather is beautifully fine, and there promises to be an early spring.

SUTHERLAND, Thursday.

Mr. H. Foster, whose health is failing, was the recipient of a most successful benefit by way of an entertainment in Lobb's Hall on Saturday evening last; the large hall was packed.

TAREE, Thursday.

A meeting of Orangemen was held at the Belmore Hall yesterday. Mr. J. Abbott, W.M., presided. There was a large attendance. The speakers were Revs. G. C. Percival, W. Tassis, S. P. Stewart, J. H. Terras, and Mr. Cookson.

TEMORA, Thursday.

Alderman A. R. Tewksbury was to-night elected Mayor without opposition.

WALGETT, Thursday.

The annual meeting of the School of Arts was held on Tuesday night, Mr. T. F. Fagan presiding. The report and the balance-sheet were received and adopted. The election of officers resulted as follows:—Patrons, Messrs. J. A. Campbell and J. S. Gordon; president, Mr. A. E. Scott; vice-presidents, Dr. Higgins, Mr. C. T. Champion; hon. treasurer, Mr. W. H. Hayley; hon. secretary, Mr. H. Crowle; committee, Messrs. T. F. Fagan, M. Kennett, W. Vanstone, J. Doohan, H. Stubbs, P. Beddie, C. Brackley, E. J. Bourke, J. Fagan, A. M. Cameron, A. E. P. Skinner, Rev. A. Hallam, J. Needham, A. H. Rose.

WILCANNIA, Thursday.

The first wool teams of the season arrived to-day from Salisbury Downs consigned to Stone and Corney. The river traffic down from Bourke is now assured, but it is doubtful if steamers will get up river from Wentworth. Shearing will shortly be in full swing.

WAGGA, Thursday.

The silver jubilee of the foundation of the Presentation Convent, Wagga, was celebrated yesterday, when high mass was celebrated by Dr. Gallagher, Coadjutor Bishop of Goulburn. Dr. Dunne, Bishop of Wilcannia, Father Slattery, of Wagga, and many clergy from various parts of the Goulburn diocese were present. Dr. Gallagher delivered an impressive address. Presentations on the part of the Catholic ladies, the pupils of the day and boarding schools, and others were made.

An early start will be made with the Rock to Green's Gunyah railway. Tenders for the sleepers have already been called.

It was intended to make several blocks of land at Brookong available for homestead selection shortly, but the matter will have to remain in abeyance till the end of the year owing to the land sought in exchange by the station being part of a forest reserve, which cannot be dealt with till December.

WEST MAITLAND, Thursday.

The half-yearly meeting of the West Maitland School of Arts was held to-night, when the report and balance-sheet were adopted. A motion to have the reading-room opened on Sunday afternoons was defeated by an overwhelming majority. The following gentlemen were elected. Committee:—Messrs. James Pritchard, W. J. Enright, G. Kedwell, T. Lethbridge, E. W. Norman, and J. Lynch.

WEST WYALONG, Thursday.

Satisfaction is expressed over the proposed visit of Mr. V. Parkes, Postmaster-General, in about three weeks, to lay the foundation-stone of the new brick post office.

WEST MAITLAND, Thursday.

The half-yearly meeting of the East Maitland Mechanics' Institute was held on Tuesday night, Mr. J. H. F. Waller, the president, in the chair. The half-yearly report, which showed a most satisfactory condition of affairs, stated that the membership roll was 155, and there was a credit balance on the half-year of £13 13s 2d. For the erection of a room to be used as a free public library £46 14s 6d was subscribed by the townspeople, and £46 9s 10d was granted by the Government. The report and balance sheet were adopted. The election of office-bearers resulted as follows:—President, Mr. G. T. Chambers; vice-president, Mr. H. A. Fitzpatrick; treasurer, Mr. W. T. Bicore; secretary, Mr. A. S. Ling.

The Friday Half-holiday Association of East and West Maitland held its half-yearly meeting in the School of Arts on Tuesday night, the president, Mr. C. E. Wilks, was in the chair. The report stated that the membership was satisfactory, and the finances were in a healthy condition, £20 being at the credit of the general fund, and £83 to the credit of the sports' fund. It was decided to again affiliate with the Early Closing Association of New South Wales, and to celebrate the anniversary of the association by an athletic sports gathering on the Albion Ground in October. The officers were elected as follows:—President, Mr. C. E. Wilks; vice-presidents, Messrs. J. Storee, W. N. Ramsay, and Arthur Hall; treasurer, Mr. S. Dargeaval; secretaries, Mr. W. O. Handel and Mr. Alfred Pender; committee, Messrs. W. T. Druce, James M'Laughlin, Charles Cummins, H. Kerr, W. Thomson, and W. A. Terry.

The sixty-second half-yearly meeting of the West Maitland Co-operative Baking Society, Limited, was held in the Masonic Hall last night. The report showed that after the year's transactions there was £333 19s 7d profit, which it was recommended should be disposed of by paying a dividend at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum on the paid-up capital, and 12½ per cent. on the consumption of bread by shareholders, leaving £135 6s 10d to be carried forward. The following directors were elected:—Messrs. W. Marshall, J. Thomson, T. Robinson, and A. Hoban.

The members of the West Maitland A.H.C. Guild have by a large majority decided to decline to assist the amalgamation scheme proposed by the Australasian Holy Catholic Guild of Sydney.

In the West Maitland Police Court on Monday Walter Taylor, a miner of the East Greta Colliery, was fined a nominal sum for having carried a naked light while at the same time conveying an explosive material in the mine. This is the first case of the kind in the district.

WOLLONGONG, Thursday.

At a conversazione in aid of St. Michael's rectory fund last night a very interesting display on the horizontal bar was given by the members of the recently formed gymnastic club connected with the young men's association.

ROWING.

BALMAIN ROWING CLUB.

The seventeenth annual meeting of the Balmain Rowing Club took place in Dick's Assembly Rooms, Balmain, on Wednesday evening. Alderman G. C. Murdoch (president) occupied the chair, and there was an excellent attendance of members. The committee's report referred to the advance made by the club during the past year. The club had again established its reputation in open events. Out of 18 starts the club crews secured seven wins, two seconds, six thirds, and three not placed. The seventeenth annual regatta, held on March 4 last, was a distinct success. The membership roll had increased considerably. During the summer months there were 71 active members on the books. At the present time there were 58 active members, three honorary, two life active, and four life honorary members. The club fleet (although not augmented during the year) would shortly be added to by the arrival of two new outrigged practice fours, which the committee decided on having so as to be prepared for the new class of rowing coming into vogue for maiden and junior oarsmen at the beginning of 1900. These boats are being built by James Edwards and Sons, of Melbourne. The club premises had been renovated, and several alterations made, tending much to improve the property. Mr. P. Kinnaimont had been elected to the vacancy on the committee caused by the resignation of Mr. W. Macnee, through illhealth. To Mr. H. T. Symington the thanks of the members were tendered, this gentleman having held office as hon. secretary prior to the appointment of Mr. E. Davis. The thanks of the members were due to all donors to the annual regatta; to Messrs. C. Wright, W. Macnee, and E. Davis for services as coaches; to Mr. James A. Fitzsimons for the use of the steamer Hornet on various occasions; and to the executive for its efforts towards making the club so successful during the year. The balance-sheet and statement of income and expenditure, which were of a satisfactory nature, were adopted. The election of Mr. John Collins to the "life active" list was unanimously agreed to. A notice of motion by Mr. P. Parkes was discussed to make a charge of 10s entrance fee. The motion was lost. The election of office-bearers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:—Patron, Hon. S. H. Hyam, M.L.C.; president, Alderman G. C. Murdoch; 45 vice-presidents were elected; captain, James A. Fitzsimons; vice-captain, C. F. Wright; hon. treasurer, P. Parkes; hon. secretary, E. Davis; committee, H. T. Symington, James Murray, D. N. Saunders, J. M. Murray, P. Kinnaimont, A. J. Jelfs, R. B. Fitzhardinge; delegates to the N.S.W. Rowing Association, James A. Fitzsimons and E. Davis.

SYDNEY ROWING CLUB.

The twenty-ninth annual meeting of the Sydney Rowing Club was held last night at Aarons' Exchange Hotel. The meeting was largely attended, and was presided over by Mr. Q. L. Deloitte, vice-president. Amongst those present were—Messrs. E. A. Pearson, P. J. Pratt, J. W. Warren, C. A. Smith, J. E. Kennedy, J. A. Brodie, A. Allworth, M. G. Cater, H. P. Fraggs, T. Fetris, C. Dalgarno, O. H. Baass, G. C. Eanes, C. L. Quist, C. M. Moesch, Dr. Burne. The annual report and treasurer's statement were adopted as follows:—The report submitted stated that the committee could congratulate the members on the past term and the satisfactory work done. The members' roll had been well sustained, and amongst the new members were many oarsmen of promise. The club property had been well looked after, and was in good order throughout. Current expenses had been met by ordinary revenue, and the indebtedness of the club had been slightly reduced, and by a satisfactory arrangement the liability on behalf of the Abbotsford property would not entail so heavy an expense as hitherto, owing to a reduced rate of interest on the mortgage. Reference was made to the annual regatta, which was a success; also to the outside racing, in which the club started 13 times and won five events, including the Champion Eights, two senior fours, one maiden four, and one junior four. Four seconds were also scored, including that for champion fours, in which the club was only just defeated by a length. Members were urged to accord a better support to the branch club at Abbotsford, the past year showing a loss on the working. Smoke concerts, club dinners, and moonlight concerts had added much to the social success of the year. The financial statement showed receipts from subscriptions, £382; from branch, £404; the total from all sources being £867. The expenditure included £207 in connection with the Sydney boathouse and £439 for the up-river establishment, together with general expenses, making a total of £849, and showing a saving on the year's working of nearly £20. Assets are valued at £5251, and show a credit balance over liabilities of £2921.

The election of patron, president, vice-presidents, and officers resulted as follows:—Patron, his Excellency the Governor; president, the Hon. George Thornton, M.L.C.; vice-presidents, Miss Eadith Walker, Sir James Fairfax, Messrs. T. A. Dibbs, S. Hordern, W. Cope, Q. L. Deloitte, Charles Dobson, J. E. H. Kennedy, J. A. Brodie, E. P. Simpson, R. Teece, Dr. A. Burne, J. W. Warren, J. N. Oatley, E. A. Pearson; captain, Mr. C. A. Smith; vice-captain, Mr. O. H. Baass; hon. secretary, Mr. C. M. Moesch; hon. treasurer, Mr. Allan Stokes; committee, Messrs. M. G. Cater, A. F. Fitzhardinge, W. J. Hanna, T. M. Kemmis, P. J. Pratt, H. A. Smith, A. W. Shadforth, A. B. Plummer; A. Wickham.

A motion to suspend the entrance fee for the coming year was carried. Messrs. P. G. Sharpe and R. Bethell were appointed auditors.

Votes of thanks were carried to the retiring captain, Mr. E. A. Pearson, the retiring secretary, Mr. P. J. Pratt, the retiring treasurer, Mr. C. Dalgarno (all of whom were unable to accept nomination), to Mr. C. L. Quist, the club's honorary coach, and to Mr. C. Perry, providore at the club's Abbotsford quarters.

Mr. Aldworth suggested that the club should hold a championship race annually, and promised to provide a trophy for such a race. A special vote of thanks was passed to the press.

The meeting was then closed, with a vote of thanks to the chairman and Dr. Burne.

CARDINAL MORAN'S CHARGES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—In your issue of to-day Cardinal Moran makes a very clumsy attempt to evade the true issues of the present controversy, and by nearly three columns of abuse seeks to turn public attention from Samoa to Fiji. He furnishes an admirable example of his own complaint, "When you have a bad case abuse the plaintiff's attorney." But it will be recognised by the great majority of the people as fair controversy to have one slander settled before we go to another. The Cardinal's agility in the use of dangerous missiles is truly amazing, but we firmly adhere to our principle, "One thing at a time."

The Cardinal says of the meeting on Tuesday night, "No attempt whatever was made to reply to my statements regarding Protestant missions." Like another great man, under very different circumstances, his Eminence must have put his eyeglass to his blind eye when he read the "Herald" of Wednesday; or perhaps he received his reports from current Catholic gossip, the source of most of his other stories. The meeting on Tuesday night was an emphatic demand for Cardinal Moran to produce proofs of specific statements made by him, and with your permission I will state the case against him as it has appeared in the Sydney press.

As early as July 5, 1899, Cardinal Moran charged the London Missionary Society's agents with carrying the following quantities of spirits to the islands on board the John Williams:—"One case wine, 1 case port, 2 cases ale and stout, 1 case schnapps, 5 cases wine, 65 casks stout, 25 cases claret, 27 casks whisky, 65 cases beer."

This statement, we are told, was taken from a Sydney paper on March 27, 1880, a full week after the mission ship left the port. The John Williams left Sydney on March 19, 1880, and the following is her manifest which passed the Customs:—

March 19, 1880.—John Williams, [illegible], for Tahiti: 1 case 4 packages medicines, [illegible], 10 packages hardware, 24 packages provisions, 1 case brandy, 2 quarter-tierce tobacco, 1 case galvanised iron, 3 drums oil, 1 keg white-lead, 3 drums oil, 5 casks [illegible], 14 bags raw sugar, 8 boxes 4 half-chests tea, [illegible] casks flour, [illegible] meal, 4 packages boots, 1 case wine, 1 case hardware, 7 cases oil stores, 100 cases soap, [illegible] cases kerosene oil, 16 bags raw sugar, [illegible] packages groceries, 2 boxes candles, 2 cases coffee, 1 case port, [illegible], 2 cases ale and stout, 10 coils rope, 1 case schnapps, [illegible] cases maps and books, [illegible].

In reporting this manifest the "Herald" by mistake, which was at once corrected, added part of the Au Revoir cargo to the above, hence the false report which appeared in the paper to which the Cardinal refers. These facts were immediately pointed out to his Eminence; but instead of correcting his statement he has repeated it as late as July 3, 1899, in a most offensive form. He says: "The Parthian arrow which I fired appears to have hit its mark, and to have remained fixed, and I have no intention of withdrawing it." The meeting on Tuesday night was a protest against this reiterated slander.

Then, again, on June 24, 1899, the Cardinal levelled a cruel charge against an agent of the London Missionary Society and other Protestant missionaries, asserting that "some went so far as to use their influence with the commanders of the British warships to shell the Catholic Presbytery." In your issue of to-day his Eminence denies this, and blames the reporters. We wonder what those convenient scapegoats have to say to this. Have they no shorthand notes? If so, let them be produced. Besides, it seems rather mean at this late hour of the controversy to shift the blame over to the newspapers. His statement in your issue of to-day makes strange reading when compared with what he said on June 29, 1899. In respect of this very charge, when challenged for proof, he said: "I have sufficient proof; but I have not permission to mention the name of my informant." In this reply to a direct question it will be seen that he exonerates the reporters, and not only admits having made the charge which he now denies, but to have the proofs of it in his possession! Later on—July 3, 1899—he attempts to make the public believe that the "missionaries" to whom he referred were the Chief Justice of Samoa and the British Consul! Like a hunted creature his Eminence seems glad to hide himself in any hole, but he is driven from each in turn a little blacker than when he entered it. When Cardinal Moran has cleared himself of these imputations it will then be time to meet his new charges, which are as untrue and equally as mean as the others.

I am, &c., P. J. STEPHEN.
Wesley Church, July 27.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—I signed a protest of ministers of religion against certain disproved or unproved accusations of Cardinal Moran made against the agents of the L.M.S. in the matter of the cargo of the John Williams and against certain missionaries and naval officers at Samoa in the matter of an asserted shelling of the hospital.

It was therefore with much interest that I read his long letter in this morning's "Herald." But that letter is sadly disappointing. The Cardinal avoids most carefully the two specific charges which were brought against him.

He brings many other fresh accusations which may or may not be true, but which certainly ought not be considered until the former charges against which we protested have been proved or withdrawn.

I am, &c., R. TAYLOR, Canon.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—The Cardinal evidently believes that

He who fights and runs away
Lives to fight another day.

Hence he deliberately evades the issue. Let him stick to the point, and prove or withdraw the charges already made. This is the only honest course. His position does not lift him above the ethics of public controversy, but rather involves him in scrupulous courtesy and consideration. His attitude must pain the educated laity of his own Church, and it must dishonour Christianity and help to lower the moral ideals of the people. Do not let us be misled by the specious epistle published by the Cardinal in your issue of to-day. That can easily be answered by those competent to do so. The Cardinal is not to escape by any back door, either by his customary quibble or by flinging the blame upon the public press. That the Cardinal meant what he was reported to have said is proved by the context and by the trend of the whole speech, as well as by his constant and bitter antagonism to Protestantism in every form. If there is a spark of manliness in him he will honestly confess he was wrong.

I am, &c., F. E. HARRY,
July 27. President of the Baptist Union.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Cardinal Moran's reply to the case made out against him, and emphatically endorsed by the thousands of respectable citizens who attended perhaps the largest meeting ever held in Sydney, is much as if a man accused of arson should endeavour, as a sufficient refutation of the accusation, to prove that his accuser has committed burglary.

The Wesleyans may be trusted to answer his allegations against their work in Fiji, and at the same time to pour a good deal of light on the actions of Roman Catholic emissaries. In the meantime the public will not be diverted from the real issue placed before them. A long-suffering Protestant community endured a succession of gross assaults on their faith and on their work, but were provoked beyond endurance by the Cardinal's latest attack. The Cardinal stands arraigned before the bar of public opinion on three charges. He allows judgment to go by default except in regard to one of them.

1. The first charge is an insult at once to the London Missionary Society and to the common sense of the community—that "the L.M.S. and other Protestant missionaries ... went so far as to use their influence with some of the commanders of the British warships to get them to shell the Catholic presbytery and church, where hundreds of old and infirm had taken refuge." The Cardinal puts the blame of this upon the reporters. The only comment I would make is that it is a pity the Sydney newspapers employ reporters with such malignant imaginations. But possibly the reporters may have a word to say for themselves.

2. The Cardinal has insulted the British flag. No attempt of the Cardinal's to divert attention to side issues will make the public forget that he has likened her Majesty's officers in the Navy to the perpetrators of the Armenian outrages. If his accusation be true the British Admiralty is particeps criminis, for it has promoted Captain Sturdee for his conduct at Samoa.

3. The third count in the indictment relates to "the spiritual cargo" of the John Williams. This is no matter of conflicting judgments on evidence. Any man may make a mistake; and if the Cardinal had admitted that he had been misled by the accidental substitution of one ship's manifest for another the whole Protestant community would have received his apology in the most generous spirit. To your reporter he declared that no apology would be extracted from him. Well, Sir, it is not necessary to extract an apology from a gentleman when he perceives that he has fallen into error. He offers it—he is quick to offer it; every honourable man recognises the obligation to offer it, and the higher placed the man who falls into the error the more imperative the obligation to offer it. If Cardinal Moran does not see this his fellow-citizens do, and he must suffer the consequences of not seeing it. I am, &c.,

July 27. WM. ALLEN.

ZENANA BIBLE AND MEDICINE MISSION.

The Rev. A. R. Cavalier gave his last lecture in Sydney last night in the Y.M.C.A. Hall on the "Women of India." There was a good attendance, and the chair was occupied by the Ven. Archdeacon Langley. Mr. Cavalier began by giving a short account of the magnitude of India, and our responsibilities in regard to the country, considering that it held one-fifth of the human race. He gave a history of the introduction of the zenana system—the result of the Mohammedan conquest of Northern India. It was computed that out of 150 millions of women and girls in India, about 40 millions were confined in the zenanas. After describing the modes of life of the Hindus, and marriage customs, instances were given of the educational work of the society in Bombay. He described the ravages of the bubonic plague there, adding that when he left India in February of last year people were dying at the rate of 300 a day in Bombay, and large numbers were dying in some parts of the provinces. The missionaries had rendered valuable help in nursing. It was stated that during the last 10 years the work of the missionaries had grown tenfold, especially in regard to the treatment of patients. A description was also given of the efforts of the missionaries to relieve distress and save life during the famine. In the course of the lecture a number of lantern pictures were shown, illustrating the effects of the bubonic plague, and some beautiful views were exhibited of the northern provinces—Lucknow, Benares, and others, depicting the work of the lady missionaries in zenanas, hospitals, schools, and dispensaries.

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MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

Thursday Evening.

Business in the Stock and Share market to-day was quiet, the general tone being strong. For New South Wales 4 per cent. Funded Stock an advance of 1 was offered. Buyers raised their quotations for Bank of Australasia 1, Union of Australia ½, and New South Wales ¼, Commercial of Sydney selling at the last quotation. Bank deposits, steam, and insurance were unchanged. Australian Gaslight were quitted at 17, ex div. Castlemaine and Wood Brothers' Brewery advanced 1½d. In the miscellaneous list, Colonial Sugar were rather stronger; Malting Company brought 8s 9d, others being without material change.

The following sales were reported on the Sydney Stock Exchange to-day:—Forenoon: Newcastle and Hunter River Steam, 17s 9d; Perpetual Trustee, 9s; Mont de Piete, 24s 1½d. At 1 o'clock: Commercial Bank of Sydney, 24¾; Australian Gaslight, ex div., 17; Malting Company of New South Wales, 8s 6d—paid, 8s 9d. At 4 o'clock—Late sales: Castlemaine and Wood Brothers' Brewery, 13s 7½d. The closing quotations were:—

Company.	Capital paid up.	Amount of shares.	Shares paid up.	Last Div. per annum.	Last Sale.	Buyer.	Seller.	* Yield to Investors.
	£	£	£	P.C.				P.C.
N.S.W. F. Stock, 1892	2,540,350	...	...	4	109	110	114	3½
Do. 4d., 1873	530,180	...	...	4	117½	...	...	3½
Do. 3½ p.c. nat.	...	...	...	3½	100	99½	...	3½
Do. Deb. 1902	300,500	...	...	5	105½	104	...	3½
Do. 4 p.c., 1891	...	...	...	4	108½	...	...	
N.S. Tr. 1919	300,000	...	...	4	106	105	...	
Good D. 1915	...	...	...	4	107	105	...	
Colonial Sugar —D., 1914	...	...	...	5	111½	113½	...	4½
Chillagoe 6 per cent. Deb.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Elsw'rt'c'te	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Banks.								
Aust. J. S.	1,161,207	10	7½	...	1/3	...	...	
Australasia	1,600,000	40	40	6	...	59	62	4½
City	240,000	10	8	4	...	...	...	
New Zealand	160,000	10	8	4	...	...	7½	
Com. of A. pref.	2,117,070	10	10	2	12/8	6¼	6¾	
Com. of Syd.	1,500,000	25	12½	8	24½	24½	24½	4½
N.S. Wales	1,960,000	20	20	9	39½	39½	...	4½
Royal of Q.	386,650	9	5¼	4	4/8	...	...	
Union	1,500,000	75	25	5	28½	30	32½	4½
Deposits. A.J.S. Bank: Class A	...	...	...	5	14/3	14/3	14/6	4½
Class B	...	...	...	3	13/	13/	13/3	4½
Ditto Inac.	...	...	...	3½	10/9	10/3	11/3	
Com. of Aus. A. ser., 1898	...	...	...	3	18/10	19/	...	
Debentures	...	...	...	3	16/	15/5	...	
E.S.A. series	...	...	...	3	15/2	14/6	...	
Ditto Ter.	480,148	...	...	4	18/9	18/6	...	
Ditto Deb.	988,547	...	...	4	17/3	17/	17/4½	4¾
Inst. pref.	203,444	...	...	4	12/	11/6	12/6	5
Ditto, def.	900,010	...	...	3	13/6	12/9	...	
Nat. of Aust.	...	...	...	4½	12/6	20/	...	
Q. Nat.	...	...	...	3½	12/6	14/6	...	
Steam.								
Howard	58,000	5	3¾	8¼	6	5¾	6	5
N. & H.R.	100,000	1	1	6	17/6	17/9	18/	7
N. Coast, x d	121,740	1	17/6	8	20/	19/3	19/9	7
P. S. Ferry	60,000	1	1	10	53	55/	...	
Port Jackson	25,000	50	25	10	38/	37/	38/	
Ditto Co-op. Deb. Shs.	9,368	...	1	5	...	15/6	...	
Insurance.								
A. M. Fire	37,500	1	7/6	...	27/	30/	35/	
Mer. Mut.	20,250	1	3/6	16½	11/6	12	13/	5
New Zealand	200,000	5	1	11½	...	...	...	
United	62,500	10	2½	...	71/6	73	77/6	
Ditto, New	5,725	10	12/6	...	15/	12/6	15/	
Gas.								
Albury, x d	7,500	1	12/6	10	18/	18/	...	
Australian	681,798	6	6	9	...	17 8/6	17½	5½
C. Towers	20,000	10	10	10	14/3	13	14/3	
Goulburn	10,000	1	1	15	44/	44	...	6½
Grafton	8,000	1	1	8	24/	24/3	25/	6½
Manly	10,000	1	1	7	25/	24	...	
Ditto, New	5,000	1	10	7	12/9	12/6	15/6	6½
Mudgee	8,000	1	1	5	16	15/3	...	
Newcastle	26,120	2	2	15	5¼	5¼	...	6
Nth. Shore	80,000	1	1	6	28/9	28/9	...	
Ditto, New	10,000	1	15	6	15/6	...	...	
Breweries.								
Albury	10,500	1	10	...	...	...	...	
Ditto	4,000	1	1	5	...	...	...	
Australian	96,000	1	1	...	5	...	6/	7½
Cstlm. & Wood Bros.	250,000	1	1	4	13/7½	13/6	13/9	5½
Marshall's	29,701	10	5	6	4/7	4/6	5	6½
Perkins'	58,333	15	15	13½	33/6	33/	...	6
Tooth's	900,000	1	1	7	26/6	26/4½	26/6	5½
Miscellaneous.								
Aust. News	17,500	15	10	...	...	2	...	
Ditto	40,000	1	1	...	24/	23/9	24/3	
H.W. Sup.	186,500	1	1	8	24/6	24/6	...	
Bros., Philp	259,000	1	1	8	22	7d	...	
[illegible]	...	1	5/	8	...	2/6	...	
[illegible] Lights	...	...	...	...	2/9	2/6	...	
C. T. Pyrites	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Col. Sugar	1,702,000	20	20	10	37½	37½	...	5½
Dalgety Co.	1,000,000	20	5	...	5½	...	5¼	
[illegible] Railway	100,000	1	1	...	12/9	11/6	12/6	
[illegible]	84,000	1	1	4½	...	...	10/	
[illegible]	161,015	1	18	8	12/3	22	23/6	6½
Harrison, Jones, [illegible]	50,000	1	1	8	...	...	...	
[illegible]	50,000	1	16	8	11/	...	...	7½
Malting Co.	3,000	1	1	8	...	...	...	
Ditto	9,150	1	8/6	...	8/9	8/6	9/3	
Melb. Trams	480,000	1	10	8	...	14/3	...	
Mort & Pirie	72,868	1	1	5	24½	24/6	24/6	7
Ditto New	1,500	1	10	10	20	...	...	
Perp. Trustee	25,000	5	2/6	5	2 2½	2 2	2 3	5½
Pr. Trust	25,000	10	5	7	...	8/9	9/8	8
Mort's Dock	150,000	1	1	...	...	...	...	
Ditto Pref.	30,000	1	1	...	...	...	...	
Robertson & Wrench	...	...	...	...	20/3	20	...	
Ditto	60,000	1	1	...	10/3	9/9	10/3	8
Shale and Oil	75,000	1	15	2½	3/2	...	3/2	11
Sil. Tram	197,806	1	1	40	93/	91/6	93/	8½
Syd. Exch.	70,000	10	10	7	15	14	15	
Syd. Hydraul.	75,000	1	10	10	25/3	24/6	25/6	
New York and B. Tob.	15,000	1	1	10	22/3	22/	...	
Volunteer L. Orders	...	...	...	...	...	180	...	
Loan & Inv.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Hayward's D.	...	1	1/	3	...	...	...	
Fed. B. Dep.	...	...	...	...	...	14	...	
Intest. Prov.	64,735	20	20	6	20	20	...	6
Intercolonial	33,304	1	15	7	12	12	...	8½
Excelsior Dep.	...	...	...	...	7/6	7/6	...	
Am. Mutual Inv.	...	...	...	...	7d	5d	9d	
Bd. and Sub. D.	...	...	...	...	10/	7/6	10/	
B. Pro. Land	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Fussia Build.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	

* Where dividends are interim the yield is based on year's distribution; otherwise on the last half-yearly one.

An interesting comparative review of the premium incomes of 88 British life offices since 1872 appears in the "Commercial World." The greatest progress had been made by the Prudential. Its premiums since 1881 had increased from £107,000 to £2,774,264, and its joint ordinary and industrial business from £261,091 in 1872, to no less than £7,567,855 in 1899. The other offices which had made the largest increases in ordinary life premiums, to which their business was confined, were the Gresham with £600,822, the Scottish Widows £466,421, the respective aggregate premium revenues of these companies in 1899 being £947,848 and £980,601 respectively. Compared with these the Australian Mutual Provident Society, with £1,387,364 of premium revenue, had had an increase of business since 1872 of £1,193,026, a smaller amount than the Prudential, but about twice the amount of any other office. Thirteen British offices had larger premium incomes than the Australian institution in 1872—now there is but one; and this has not yet accumulated so large a fund in its ordinary branch. Only six of the 88 offices had a decrease in their premium revenue. The oldest of the British offices appears to be the Hand in Hand, founded in 1696. Its premiums last year amounted to £181,630, against £117,009 in 1872. Four of the others were established in the eighteenth century, the Equitable, London, Pelican and Royal Exchange, the others all being founded in this century.

The table we have quoted from is useful in enabling us to make a comparison of the growth of life assurance business in the United Kingdom with that in Australasia in respect of premiums, to which we add the growth of the funds, also from the Board of Trade reports:—

—	1872.	1899.	Increase. Amount.	P. Cnt.
Premiums: U. Kingdom	£9,580,000	£20,199,000	£10,619,000	118
Per head	[illegible]	10 1	5 1	84
Australasia	£210,000	£2,811,000	£2,601,000	1,239
Per head	2 1	11 10	9 9	464
Total Funds: U. Kingdom	£87,897,000	£224,372,000	£136,475,000	155
Per head	£2 16	£5 12 6	£2 16 6	100
Australasia	£1,000,000	£26,783,000	£25,783,000	2,578
Per head	10 6	£6 4 9	£5 14 3	1,325

The growth of the premiums in the United Kingdom within the twenty-seven years has been satisfactory, having increased more than twofold. Of course there has been an increase in population, but even with this, the improvement has been very marked, the larger number of people now paying 10s 1d per head per annum as compared with 6s per head paid by the smaller in 1872. The accumulated funds under the influence of added interest have grown faster than the premiums, having increased £136,475,000, or 155 per cent., within the same time, and the larger population had £5 12s 6d per cent. per head as against £2 16s per head to the credit of the smaller one in 1872. This must be acknowledged as a very substantial increase, entirely belying the pessimistic utterances of those who declare that the people of the United Kingdom are going to the dogs. Still it falls enormously short of the increase of assurance premiums and funds in Australasia within the same time. In 1872 the population in these lands only paid premiums to the amount of 2s 1d per head, as against 6s paid in the United Kingdom, whereas in 1899 they paid 11s 10d per head, or an increase of 464 per cent., as against 10s 1d per head in the mother land—the respective increases being 464 per cent. and 84 per cent. But the increase in the total funds in Australasia was enormously greater within the 27 years, aggregating £25,783,000, or 2578 per cent., beyond the total of £1,000,000 in 1872, as against the increase of 155 per cent. only in the case of the British offices. And the aggregate funds in the colonial offices increased per head from 10s 6d to £6 4s 9d, or by 1325 per cent., as against the growth from £2 16s to £5 12s 6d, or rather over 100 per cent., in the British institutions. The figures of three large American offices are not included in the Australasian returns. With them the advance would be seen to be still more remarkable than appears. A feature of the figures is the larger relative increase of the funds than of the premiums in the Australasian offices, being accounted for in a measure by the greater proportionate additions for interest, and partly on account of the smaller claims inevitable in the case of offices having a considerable accession of new business.

It appears that public opinion in France is veering round against the sugar bounties. A year back it was stated that France was the obstacle to their abolition at the conference then held. But, as mentioned in our commercial news yesterday, in consequence of the imposition of countervailing duties by India and talk of the pursuance of a like course in England, the view was said to be gradually gaining ground in France that it might be better to take part in an international agreement than to run the risk of being completely isolated. This has so far developed, as we learn by cable, that France is willing to join the European conference if it should reassemble. It is evident that England has the power, if she chooses to exert it, to abolish the bounties, and after the language of Mr. Chamberlain we can well understand it to be true, as reported in Mr. Licht's monthly circular, that English delegates have received instructions that may be effective in securing their abolition.

The half-yearly meeting of the Australian Gaslight Company was held to-day. Mr. G. J. Cohen, the chairman, on moving the adoption of the report, of which we have given the details, explained the principal features. Within the half-year 70 miles of mains and service pipes had been laid, increasing the total to 1285 miles, the number of consumers being 38,303. There had been an increase of 109 in the number of public lights, making the total 10,154; the gas cookers in use aggregated 8803, and the gas engines 320; the total day consumption of gas equalling 35·6 per cent. of the whole. The cost of the maintenance of incandescent gas-lighting during the year was £5037, inclusive of mantles £4008, chimneys £968, and rods £61, the average life of a mantle being two months. Between 50 and 60 additional customers are being received weekly for penny-in-the-slot meters, there being now 3000 in all; and since this new system of supplying gas was introduced 18 months back 15½ million cubic feet have been consumed. It is expected that the Roseville to Hornsby Junction extension will be completed by Christmas next. Repairs and renewals had cost more than usual this half-year, reducing the balance somewhat. The report, recommending the payment of a dividend of 9s per share, was adopted. A ballot was taken and the following directors were re-elected:—Messrs. G. J. Cohen, J. H. Storey, Hon. H. Moses, Mr. P. Reid, Hon. J. Norton, M.L.C., Mr. W. C. Goddard, Mr. S. Dickenson, Mr. J. Scroggie, Hon. W. R. Campbell, M.L.C., Mr. C. H. Myles, and Mr. J. Rae, M.A.; and Mr. A. W. Allen was elected a director. Messrs. R. C. Close and J. C. Taylor were re-elected auditors. A vote of thanks was passed to the directors and officers of the company for their services during the past half-year.

At the annual meeting of the Civil Service Building Society, held this evening under the presidency of Dr. Cox, the report, of which we have already given the particulars, was adopted. The following were re-elected:—As directors, Messrs. C. W. Bloomfield and F. J. Jackson; and as auditors, Messrs. F. A. Thorpe and Robert D. Petrie. A vote of thanks was passed to the directors and officers.

The twentieth half-yearly meeting of Richardson and Wrench, Limited, was held at the company's rooms to-day, Mr. R. P. Richardson (the chairman of the company) presiding. The balance-sheet disclosed that the net profits for the half-year amounted to £1822, to which was added £221 from last half-year, making a sum available for distribution of £2043, which was appropriated as follows:—A dividend at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum, £1200; addition to goodwill reduction reserve, £500, and carry forward to next half-year, £343. The chairman, in his address, remarked that there was a decided improvement and a better tone in the market for real estate, and that the future prospects of the company were encouraging. The report was adopted. Mr. E. P. Simpson was re-elected a director. A vote of thanks to the directors and the staff terminated the proceedings.

The twenty-second half-yearly general meeting of the Sydney Cyclorama Company was held to-day, Mr. Russell Barton presiding. The report, which was adopted, stated that the receipts amounted to £1546, the expenditure being £1318, leaving a net profit of £228, increasing the profit balance to £5156. At an extraordinary general meeting, held afterwards, a resolution was carried, the result of which will be that in future only one general meeting will be held annually, instead of two.

At the second half-yearly meeting of Henry Tait and Co. held to-day the report was adopted, a dividend at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum being declared.

BREADSTUFFS.

The wheat market remained steady. Some really prime lots changed hands at 3s, which is a shade higher than we have quoted of late. There is a difficulty in getting supplies of really first-rate grain when it is urgently required. Flour was quiet at late rates, viz., £6 15s to £7 5s.

The New Zealand market is thus reported on by Messrs. A. S. Paterson and Co., under date Dunedin, July 18:—

The market firmness referred to in our last report continued throughout the month, especially for lines of prime quality, which have been well competed for. Best quality fowls' wheat has also met with strong inquiry, and quite a volume of trade has been done. Supplies, however, of all grades are, we think, ample, though to a large extent held off the market by growers; and while we look for a steady trade at present rates we cannot expect any substantial improvement, unless, of course, in sympathy with some unforeseen advancement in the European markets. We quote to-day: Prime milling tuscan, 2s 5d to 2s 6d; Velvet, 2s 5d to 2s 5½d; Hunters, 2s 4d to 2s 5d; best whole fowl wheat, 2s to 2s 1d; good ditto, 1s 11d to 2s f.o.b.

The world's wheat statistical year opens on August 1 and closes on July 31 of the following year. The season 1898-99 will, therefore, close in a few days. Complete returns will not be available for a month or six weeks yet, but in the meanwhile the returns for the past 46 weeks of the cereal year are interesting.

The following shows the total shipments to Europe since August 1 in the past three years, with sources of supply:—

	1898-9—qrs.	1897-8—qrs.	1896-7—qrs.
America and Canada	23,355,000	24,410,000	14,215,000
Russia	7,010,000	14,500,000	12,095,000
Roumania, Bulgaria, Turkey	2,700,000	2,655,000	8,035,000
India	2,112,000	2,085,000	99,000
Argentina	4,888,000	2,812,000	418,000
Australia	1,100,000		
Sundries	1,210,000	1,516,000	2,046,000
Total	41,975,000	48,565,000	36,910,000
Weekly average	912,000	1,085,000	802,000

The New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company, Limited, report they are in receipt of the following cable, dated 27th instant, from their London office:—"Wheat and flour: Market depressed owing to favourable harvest prospects. Victorian wheat is worth 28s 9d per 496lb. New Zealand wheat has declined 6d per 496lb."

IMPORT MARKET.

Prime costs of the basic metals appear to be still rapidly advancing. To-day private cables quote an advance of Australian tin, three months' delivery, to £142¼, which means a large increase in the cost of manufacture of tinplates, which is reflected in many other lines, such as kerosene, turps, canned fruits and fish, and many other articles. Locally business was moderately active only in most departments. The formation of a heavily capitalised combination of linseed oil crushers in the United Kingdom may further strengthen the local market, which is even now firm. A paper-stainers' trust is also advised as having been formed in London, with a capital of £3,000,000, which will practically control the market in these lines. It is proposed to establish a single local agent in each Australian centre, and thus eliminate competition between settlers. Fencing wire ruled firm. Turps were cabled higher from New York, but the local market has sagged back somewhat. Benzine, gasoline, and naphtha are also cabled higher. Tea moved off at late rates throughout. Sugar met with a fair degree of attention. All dried fruits ruled firm, though unchanged.

Tea.—Privately 40 half-chests of Ceylon broken pekoes sold at 8½d, and 40 chests of ditto pekoe 7½d.

General disappointment is expressed by importers at having so little "price" teas in the Eastern. It would seem as though the statements made by the Chinese prior to the departure of the Chingtu had a more solid foundation than was generally thought at the time. The stocks of teas at Foochow on July 1 were very light, totalling 70,000 half chests only against 107,000 half-chests last year. Private advices bearing the same date state:—"The position of teas in this market is somewhat strange, and from a Chinaman's point of view very strong. Common teas are still very scarce and dear; in fact, little or nothing is arriving from the country. The Chinamen see that there is not much use making low grade teas now, as London and also Australian ports where common teas have hitherto gone are shutting them out. Leaf generally remains about at the same basis as the Chingtu shipment, with the exception of 'price' teas (that is, stuff laying down under 7d), which are dearer and harder to obtain."

The new departure in calling for tenders for the supply of tea for the Government institutions has been commented on by the trade, who do not appear to regard the innovation with much favour. Tenders are called for Macao teas at 9d d.p., Chinas at 10d d.p., and Ceylons at 10d d.p. "Chinas" evidently means ordinary Panyongs. Last year Chinas alone were contracted for at 8d and 10d duty free. Importers point out that Ceylons worth 10d to-day would probably depreciate in value 20 to 25 per cent. a year hence. This is a peculiarity with Ceylon teas that does not apply to anything like so marked extent to Chinas. The fact too that only two or three houses hold any quantity of Macao teas effectively precludes others from competing in this section.

The Uganda shipment of tea was estimated in Calcutta when the mail left at 254,000lb. for Sydney, 249,000lb. for Melbourne, and 2000lb. for Brisbane. This brings the Sydney shipments up to date this season to 320,145lb. against 140,599lb. in 1898-99, and 435,156lb. in 1897-98.

Messrs. H. W. Carey and Co. will offer to-morrow (Friday), at the Exchange Saleroom, 610 packages of Ceylons, 200 Indians, and 250 kooloos on account of Messrs. Gibbs, Bright, and Co. and other importers.

Groceries.—Canary seed ruled firm at £11 15s to £12. 200 cases of Dairymaid Swiss milk and 600 cases of ditto English changed hands at agents' prices. Mail advices state that the unseasonable weather in France has seriously damaged the growing crop, and prices of petits pois have accordingly risen.

Dried Fruits.—200 cases of currants were placed at 3½d, and 100 boxes of elemes at 5½d. We learn that the Greek Government has increased the retention duty for the coming currant season from 15 to 25 per cent. This takes an additional 10,000 tons off the market. Private cables state that it is too early to definitely quote, as the currants are still on the ground drying, but that the forward price is expected to be 6d higher than the present rate for old fruit. Stocks of Mildura peaches and apricots are pretty well exhausted in first hands.

Somewhat contradictory reports have been received relative to the new fig crop. A considerable shortage has several times been advised from London by mail and cable. On the other hand Messrs. Leedham, Crowe, and Co. wrote on June 22:—"Reports of the growing crop are satisfactory. It promises to be large and of good quality. After the failure of last season this will help the trade, and we hope no adverse conditions may arise."

Liquors.—A fairly active demand was experienced to-day, though chiefly in small parcels. Hennessy's brandy sold at 35s 6d to 35s 9d for one-star, three-star being relatively firmer. Key gin sold at 10s 9d for 15-bottle and 11s 6d to 11s 9d for 16's. Lowndes's rum was firm at 3s 1d to 3s 2d, spot. Regarding the London rum market Messrs. Leedham, Crowe, and Co. report on June 22:—"The advance in prices, which we have anticipated, and which had commenced when we last reported, continued, and a rise of 3d per gallon has occurred during the past month, the value now being 1s 7d. There is every prospect of a further advance, as stocks have been reduced to a lower level than for many years past. The crop of Jamaicas is a small one, and all arrivals are taken at full prices." Stocks of rum in London on May 31 totalled 17,470 puncheons, against 22,310 in 1898, 26,610 in 1897, and 28,930 puncheons in 1896 at the same date. 150 cases of Crawford's whisky, 150 cases of Dagger stout, and 100 cases of Aitken's ale changed hands at agents' prices.

Hops.—The Tasmanian market is very firm, stocks in the island being lighter than for many years past. On spot Tasmanians were quoted at 1s to 1s 0½d. Private advices from Hobart place the area under hops this year at 560 acres, with an estimated yield of 675,600lb., against 592 acres in 1898 yielding 774,514lb. Nelson's, on spot, were quoted at 11d for good samples. San Francisco advices state that the weather was very favourable for the growing crop in California and Washington, but in Oregon the excessive rain did some injury. On the coast, as a whole, the output was expected to reach that of last year; but owing to the shortness in stocks all over the world growers had stiff ideas, and would not quote the new crop forward at prices that would make business possible.

Metallic Lines.—A private cable was received to-day from London quoting Australian tin at £142 15s per ton for delivery three months ahead, and that speculation in this market still continues. There is a stiff advance on previously current rates. Twenty tons of American fencing wire, No. 8, sold at £9 5s, No. 10 being quoted at £10 10s. German was quoted at £10 2s 6d and £10 10s respectively. Barbed wire sold at £11 15s to £12 ex store. Tinplates were inquired for, the market ruling firm. Five hundred casks of Germania untested cement sold at 11s 6d.

Oils.—Kerosene was firmly held at 8¼d. Private cables have been received from New York quoting turps at 2s 8d c.i.f. and e., being a rise of about 1d. Benzine, gasoline, and naptha have also advanced by cable. Twenty cases of castor went at 2s 3d; 150 cases of turps, 3s 3d; 11 tons of Champion's white lead moved off at £28 10s and £27 10s for qrs. and cwts. respectively; 9 tons of Ferguson's sold at £1 per ton less. 100 drums of colza oil went at 2s 10d. Several tons of Duresco were placed.

A development of considerable interest in connection with the linseed oil market has taken place in London. Arrangements have now been made (says the "Times") for bringing out a company which is to consolidate many of the leading oilseed-crushing mills of the kingdom. It comprises 15 of the most important mills with the greatest crushing capacity. Of these three are located in London, seven in Hull, two in Liverpool, and three in the North of England and Scotland. The capital of the concern will be two and a half millions sterling, the whole of which has been underwritten by the American syndicate which has brought this amalgamation about. The Standard Oil people are largely interested. Locally 400 drums of B. S. and Co.'s raw and boiled oil sold at 2s 7½d and 2s 9½d.

Jute Goods.—There was a strong inquiry for cornsacks at 5s 1d to arrive. Holders ask 5s 2d for June shipment. Branbags were quiet at 3s 2½d.

Chemicals.—The advance in New York freights has effected the price of bicarbonate of soda, which is 5s per ton higher c.i.f., and e.

The customs revenue received at Sydney to-day amounted to £4392. The principal items were:—Spirits, £2143; wine, £72; ale, porter, and beer, £122; tobacco, cigars, and cigarettes, £643; tea, £636; sugar, and molasses, £19; opium, £48; dried and candied fruits, £71; harbour and light rates, £57; colonial distilled spirits, £124; excise on tobacco, cigars, and cigarettes, £82; excise on beer, £377. Total, £4392.

EXPORT MARKET.

Wool Receipts.—At Darling Harbour to-day 162 bales of wool arrived by rail, and 9 bales were received coastwise.

COMMERCIAL TELEGRAMS.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Investment stocks generally were without important change in quotations. The following sales were reported:—Commercial Bank Assets, 16s 2d; ditto preference shares, £6 4s; Victoria, ordinary, 54s; Bendigo Gas, £8; Colonial Mutual, 6s; Emu Bay Railway, 12s, 12s 3d; Melbourne Tramway and Omnibus, 14s 10½d, 15s; Silverton Tramway, 92s; Hydraulic Power, paid, 33s; National Bank, ordinary, 65s; ditto preference, £12 2s. Moderate business was done in wheat at 2s 10½d, bran 7½d to 7¾d. Algerian oats were fairly active at 1s 4½d to 1s 6d, prime milling 1s 7d, new maize quiet 2s 7d. Several hundred bags of rye were taken up for export at 2s. Chaff is quiet, 40s to 45s; potatoes up to 35s; good onions £4 to £4 10s, extra prime £5. The sales of tea cover 600 half-chests panyong, 6½d to 7½d; 150 half-chests old congou, 5½d; 50 quarter-chests S.O. pekoe, 9½d; 400 chests Ceylon, 6½d to 8½d. Quotations for peppers to arrive per Uganda show a decline of ¼d. A parcel of 300 boxes of elemes were taken for export at 3d f.o.b. Salmon shows weakness, in consequence of the reported heavy purchases.

PRODUCE MARKETS.—Thursday.

TRADE IN SUSSEX-STREET.

The markets were devoid of any noteworthy feature, business again being dull in all departments. Owing to the near approach of the end of the month, retail buyers are limiting their purchase to supplies for immediate use. This was largely responsible for the dull state of trade along Sussex-street to-day. Stocks were heavy, and in a number of instances far in excess of requirements. Apart from a further fall in eggs and a slight weakening in potatoes, but little change in prices occurred. There was very little doing in maize, as is usually the case when the end of the month is near at hand. Prices, however, remained without alteration, the market having a firmer tone. The inquiry for oats continued slack at late rates. Bran and pollard were in poor request, but for choice local makes of the latter slightly higher prices were obtained. Forage remained without change, the demand for all lines being on the recent restricted scale. Prime green old lucerne sold steadily up to 70s. Other varieties were plentiful and dull of sale. Potatoes were hard to sell except at a slight reduction on prices ruling yesterday. The extraordinarily low prices now ruling for tubers will tend to increase the consumption considerably. However, the demand will have to be exceptionally brisk to clear the market of the heavy stocks on the wharfs. Unless shippers from Tasmania and New Zealand slacken off consignments, it is difficult to say how low prices may go. In view of the dull state of the market it is hardly likely shippers will continue the suicidal policy of forwarding such large quantities next week. In the event of smaller supplies coming forward agents will have an opportunity of reducing the present heavy stocks, thus giving the market a chance to improve. Since Saturday last the total importations amounted to nearly 30,000 bags. This time last year potatoes were bringing £7 10s to £8 10s, as compared with £1 15s to £2 at present. Choice onions were scarce, and inclined to be dearer. Best available made £5 10s without much difficulty. Other sorts were plentiful and dull at low rates. Turnips were neglected at the very low figure of 20s per ton. Business in dairy produce was rather slack. Butter had slightly better sale, especially choice fresh makes. The steamer Peregrine, which left Melbourne on Wednesday, is advised as bringing 350 boxes of butter. Eggs were again cheaper, with buyers operating sparingly at 8d to 9d for ordinary case egg. The market is likely to go lower now that supplies are rapidly increasing. Bacon, cheese, and poultry underwent no alteration.

Wholesale quotations were as follows:—

FEED-GRAINS MARKET.

Oats.—Feed, prime 1s 11d to 2s, prime feed 1s 9d to 1s 10d, medium 1s 6d to 1s 7d; Tasmanian, 1s 6d, medium 1s 6d to 1s 7d per bushel.

Maize.—Market firm. Prime, 2s 8d per bushel.

Peas.—Blue, 3s 6d to 3s 9d; grey, 3s 10d to 3s per bushel.

Chickwheat.—Plentiful, 2s 4d to 2s 6d per bushel.

Barley.—Cape, 2s 3d; feed, 2s; English, 3s 3d to 3s 5d per bushel.

BRAN AND POLLARD.

Bran was quoted at 8d to 8¼d; pollard, New Zealand 8¼d, local 8½d to 9d per bushel.

FORAGE MARKET.

Hay.—Local oaten in bundles, prime, £3 15s to £4; medium, £3 5s to £3 10s; off varieties, £2 17s 6d to £3; Victorians, prime £3 10s to £3 15s, other varieties £3 15s to £3 5s per ton.

Chaff.—Imported: Prime, £3 5s; extra green, £3 7s 6d; good medium, £2 15s to £3; inferior, £2 10s per ton.

Straw.—Derrick-pressed, local, £1 15s to £2 5s; special brands, £3 10s; imported, £2 5s; local bundled, £1 15s per ton.

Lucerne.—Plentiful. Hunter River: Prime, £3 5s to £3 10s; medium, £2 15s to £3; inferior, £2 to £2 10s; railway, prime old, £3 5s to £3 10s; medium, £2 15s to £3; small bales, prime green, £3 7s 6d to £3 10s per ton.

DAIRY PRODUCE.

Bacon and Hams.—Hand-cured, prime 6½d to 6¾d, special 7d, second-class 6d; middles, 7½d to 8d; mild cured sides, 7d; farmers' lots, 5d to 6d; Bodalla, sides 7½d, flitches 7d, and middles 8½d; local hams, sixth, 8d; small weights, 8½d; New Zealand, 7½d to 8d; English, 9d; small weights, 9½d per lb.

Eggs.—Plentiful and cheaper, with downward tendency. North, 8d to 8½d; South, 8½d to 9d; suburban new-laid duck eggs and hen eggs 10d per dozen.

Poultry.—Good demand. Inferior, 2s 6d; medium fowls, 2s 9d to 3s; prime heavy young sorts 3s 3d to 3s 6d; ducks, 3s; choice, 3s 6d to 4s; Muscovy ducks, 4s to 4s 3d; drakes, 5s 6d to 5s 9d; geese, 4s 6d to 5s; prime young, 5s 6d to 6s; turkeys, cocks 8s to 10s, choice heavy 11s to 12s; hens 6s 6d to 8s, choice 8s 6d to 9s per pair.

Cheese.—Choice loaf, 4½d to 5d; medium, 4½d; large, medium 4d, choice 4¾d; New Zealand, large 4½d to 4¾d; medium, 5d; loaf, 5½d.

Butter.—Better sale. Creamery, 1s; factory, 11½d to 1s; dairy, 10d to 11d; pastry, 9d to 9½d; imported choice, 11½d; pasteurised butter, 1s 0½d per lb.

Game.—Hares scarce, 1s to 1s 6d per pair; rabbits, 10s to 11s per dozen pair.

POTATO MARKET.

Potatoes.—Plentiful. Dull demand. Tasmanian, Circulars, prime, £1 15s to £2; others, £1 10s; New Zealand, Derwent, £1 10s to £1 15s; Warrnambool, £1 10s. Seed potatoes: Early Rose, £3 15s to £4 5s; Brownell's, £3 10s per ton.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Onions.—Prime, £5 10s; medium, £4 10s to £5; other sorts, up to £4 per ton.

Lard.—Finely rendered, in bladders, 5d; small bladders, 5½d; bulk, 4½d per lb.

Turnips.—Tasmanian, £1. Local, £1 per ton.

Beeswax.—Bright clear samples, 1s per lb.

Honey.—Choice clear, 2½d to 2¾d; medium and dark, 1½d to 2d per lb.

THE WOOD MARKET.

Fair supply. Good demand. Footwood, good, 11s to 12s; rough, 7s to 10s; bundles, good, 8s 6d to 10s; inferior, 6s to 7s 6d; billet, 8s 6d to 9s 6d; inferior, 6s to 8s; bakers' split, good, 8s to 9s; inferior, 7s to 7s 6d; large green, 5s 6d to 6s; dry, 8s 6d to 9s 6d per ton.

REDFERN SALE.

Only a meagre supply of produce was offered at auction this morning. A medium sample of oaten hay found a buyer at 3s 2d. Lucerne hay had steady sale at about late rates. Prime old in small bales, to be taken delivery of at the buyer's expense, sold at 3s 4d. Prime old in small and large bales made 3s 3d to 3s 6d, a mixed lot of old brown and green hay in small bales going at 2s 10d per cwt. There was practically no inquiry for straw. Turnips had quiet sale at 1s per cwt.

Appended are the proportions of the various descriptions of produce actually submitted at to-day's sale:—Lucerne, 5 trucks; straw, 3; hay, 1; and turnips, 2.

Among the consignees were:—Messrs. Heaton Bros., Dent and Ferry, J. Bridge and Co., R. Little and Co., Ellis and Co., H. Prescott and Co., G. Wells and Matthews, and S. B. Bond.

Supplies were disposed of as follows:—

Straw.—Derrick: From Hoese, Dubbo, (truck No. 9085) passed; Pratley, Blayney, (2278) passed. Bundle: From Haywood and Benson, Rylstone, (2209) passed.

Lucerne.—From Soden, George's Plains, (9242) 3s 6d; Jas. Pratley, (3579) passed; Cox, Mudgee, (2021) 3s 4d; N. Cox, (355) 3s 3d; W. Millett, (6455) 3s 10d per cwt.

Hay.—From J. Churchill, Goulburn, (10089) 3s 2d per cwt.

Turnips.—From E. Dunstan, Windsor, (2248) 1s; Berry, Richmond, (727) 1s per cwt.

FRUIT MARKETS.

Owing to this being an "off day" business in the fruit trade at the various metropolitan markets this morning was rather quiet. Supplies under offer were moderate, but ample for requirements. Good, clean samples of oranges and mandarins suitable for export had ready sale at firm prices. Choice dessert apples were scarce and in brisk demand. The retail inquiry, as usual on a Thursday, was slack. Changes in prices were few and of little moment.

Current quotations were:—

Oranges.—Local, main crop, inferior 2s to 2s 6d, fair quality 3s to 3s 6d, good 4s to 5s, prime 5s 6d to 6s, navel 8s to 9s, choice 9s to 10s a gincase.

Apples.—Local: Dessert, prime 8s, small 4s to 5s, medium 6s to 7s; cooking sorts, 4s to 4s 6d, prime 5s to 6s gincase. Tasmanian: Scarlet Pearmains, medium 7s 6d to 8s 6d, choice 9s 6d to 10s; Crab, 5s 6d to 6s; New York, 6s to 7s 6d, choice 8s to 10s; Stone Pippins, 4s 6d to 5s 6d; Crow Eggs, 5s 6d to 6s, choice 6s 6d; Sturmers, 6s to 7s per case.

Lemons.—Rough, 2s to 2s 6d; good 3s to 3s 6d; choice, 4s gincase.

Pines.—Common, 4s 6d to 5s 6d; Queens, 6s to 6s 6d per case.

Loquats.—Small, 2s to 2s 6d, good 3s to 3s 6d half-case, others 3s to 5s gincase.

Passionfruit.—Small, 4s to 5s; medium, 6s to 7s; prime 8s to 9s gincase; choice, 4s to 5s a half case.

Mandarins.—Thornies, choice 4s to 5s, per half-case, Thornies, small 4s to 5s, medium 5s 6d to 7s, prime 8s; Emperors, 4s 6d to 5s 6d, choice 6s to 7s; Scarlets, 4s to 5s gincase.

Bananas.—Queensland, 1s to 1s 6d; medium, 2s to 2s 6d; choice, 3s; Fiji, 1s 6d to 2s 6d, choice large 4s to 4s 6d per bunch; Queensland, 6s to 8s; Fiji, 10s per case.

Coconuts.—A few at 7s 6d to 8s per bag.

Tomatoes.—Queensland, 1s to 2s quarter-case.

Pears.—Tasmanian, a few at 4s per ½ all-case.

VEGETABLE MARKET.

At the Belmore markets this morning a fair supply of vegetables was offered for sale. All lines commanded a good deal of attention at prices much the same as those ruling on Tuesday last.

Prices were as follows:—Cabbages, local inferior 6d to 9d, good 1s to 1s 3d, choice 1s 6d to 2s, red (scarce) 3s 6d to 4s; cauliflowers, 1s to 2s, prime 2s 6d, extra large 3s to 4s per dozen; peas, 3s 6d to 5s, Clarence River 2s 6d to 3s 6d per bushel; horseradish, 1s to 5s; beetroot, 9d to 10d; mint, scarce, 1s to 1s 6d; all herbs, 9d; plain spinach, 6d, English 10d; eschalots, 1s; leeks, 8d to 10d; white turnips, 6d to 9d; parsnips, 10d to 1s; rhubarb, 1s 6d to 2s 3d; celery, soup 10d to 1s, table 1s 6d to 2s; radishes, 6d; carrots, 9d to 10d; parsley, 1s 3d to 1s 6d; lettuce, 6d to 9d; greenstuff, 4d; horse carrots, 4d per dozen bunches; sweet potatoes, 4s to 5s per cwt.; pumpkins, 2s to 3s, choice 3s 6d to 4s 6d per dozen; tomatoes, Queensland 1s 3d to 2s per quarter-case; chilies, scarce, 6d per quart; chokos, 9d to 1s per dozen; kidney potatoes, local 2s 3d to 2s 6d, Melbourne 1s 6d to 1s 9d per quarter.

FAT STOCK SALES.

THE HOMEBUSH YARDS.

Sheep.—16,255 yarded, including a good percentage of crossbreds. Quality ranged from inferior to prime, with odd lots of extra prime. A very fair proportion were of good to prime descriptions. Market opened well; although Monday's extra high prices were not obtainable, values may be quoted fully equal to last week's rates; if anything a little better than last Thursday as sales progressed. A moderate supply of lambs forward, the bulk being middling and inferior quality. Prime being scarce sold well at Monday's rates; others not quite so dear, although all met with a ready sale. Quotations: Prime crossbred wethers, 17s 6d to 19s; extra prime crossbred wethers, 20s to 22s 9d; good crossbred wethers, 14s 6d to 16s; medium crossbred wethers, 12s to 13s 6d; prime crossbred ewes, 14s 6d to 16s; extra prime crossbred ewes, 17s 6d to 17s 9d; good crossbred ewes, 12s to 13s 6d; medium crossbred ewes, 10s 6d to 11s 6d; prime merino wethers, 16s to 18s; good merino wethers, 13s 6d to 15s 6d; midling merino wethers, 10s 6d to 12s 6d; prime merino ewes, 13s to 14s 6d; good merino ewes, 10s to 11s 6d; middling merino ewes, 7s 6d to 9s.

Cattle.—1106, the quality forward being better than of late, including some extra prime and weighty bullocks and cows. The market opened to the usual attendance of buyers, and a decline in values was noticeable for all classes, excepting prime, which sold well at late rates. Few extra prime and weighty bullocks, £11 5s to £11 15s; prime yards, £8 10s to £9; good yards, £6 10s to £7; medium, £4 10s to £5; few extra prime and weighty cows, £8 10s; prime yards, £6 10s; good, £5 10s; fair to good, £4 10s; medium, £3 10s.

Messrs. Warden Harry Graves and Son sold 44 crossbred wethers for Hon. John A. Wallace at 22s to 22s 9d, 148 merino wethers at 21s 3d to 21s 9d, 17 crossbred wethers at 18s 6d, 186 crossbred ewes at 17s 8d to 17s 9d, 8 comeback crossbred ewes at 14s 6d; 45 merino wethers for R. Kearney at 16s 10d, 58 crossbred wethers at 15s 3d, 272 merino wethers at 14s 9d to 15s, 75 crossbred ewes at 14s 3d, 78 merino at 14s 5d, 183 merino wethers at 13s to 13s 5d, 31 crossbred wethers at 12s 9d, 54 crossbred ewes at 11s 6d, 17 merino ewes at 11s 6d; 57 crossbred lambs for R. Kearney at 12s 8d to 12s 10d, 28 11s 6d to 11s 8d; 6 bullocks for Hon. John A. Wallace to £11 15s, averaging £11 10s 4d, 1 bullock at £9 18s, 9 cows at £8 13s, 1 injured bullock at £7.

Messrs. Joseph Leeds and Co.—2 crossbred wethers for J. J. M'Nickle at 20s, 10 at 18s, 31 at 15s 8d, 11 crossbred ewes at 13s 7d, 15 merino wethers at 14s; 32 merino wethers for western agents at 14s 1d, 70 at 12s 6d; 85 merino wethers for W. F. Buchanan at 13s 6d to 14s, 70 crossbred wethers at 13s 2d to 13s 5d, 1 at 12s 6d, 50 at 12s 1d, 22 merino wethers at 11s; 90 merino wethers for C. Blunt at 12s 9d to 12s 11d, 10 at 11s 9d; 3 lambs for J. J. M'Nickle at 15s 6d, 21 at 9s 9d; 16 lambs for W. F. Buchanan at 12s 1d, 47 at 11s 2d.

Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Limited.—2 crossbred ewes for Walhallow Estate at 28s; 1 merino wether for H. A. Wright at 28s 6d, 130 crossbred wethers at 20s, 9 crossbred ewes at 14s 7d; 134 crossbred wethers for H. L. Gilmour at 17s 5d to 17s 6d, 28 (stained fleeces) at 16s 8d; 9 ewes for C. Marina at 17s, 77 wethers at 16s 2d, 10 at 15s 5d; 88 wethers for F. M'Kenzie at 15s 9d, 206 at 14s 7d to 14s 8d, 41 at 14s; 4 crossbred ewes for T. and A. Bragg at 15s 9d, 81 wethers at 14s 9d; 44 wethers for J. Mickle at 15s 5d; 541 wethers for A. A. Dangar at 14s 8d; 1 crossbred wether for F. J. Croaker at 10s 6d, 119 wethers at 14s 8d to 14s 9d, 513 at 12s 11d, 89 at 12s 4d; 105 crossbred ewes for J. K. Fleming at 14s 5d to 14s 6d, 34 crossbred ewes at 12s 6d; 11 crossbred wethers for W. Turner at 15s 11d, 29 crossbred ewes at 14s 4d, 100 wethers at 14s 3d to 14s 6d, 191 at 14s to 14s 1d, 9 at 13s 1d; 116 wethers for James Lee at 13s 3d, 65 at 12s 5d; 315 wethers for A. J. and M. M'Donald at 13s 1d; 307 wethers for W. Keys at 12s 11d, 82 at 10s 6d to 10s 7d; 14 wethers for Brazier Bros. at 12s 9d; 1 crossbred wether for A. W. B. Wightman at 21s 9d, 99 wethers for 11s 3d; 8 ewes for W. F. Brazier at 7s 5d; 12 ewes for P. Boreham at 7s; 12 ewes for Southern agents at 8s 11d; 9 crossbred lambs for T. and A. Bragg at 15s 1d; 15 lambs for W. Turner at 13s 5d, 4 at 11s 9d; 15 crossbred lambs for R. L. Gilmour at 12s 9d; 30 lambs for Brazier Bros. at 12s 9d, 14 at 12s 6d; 37 lambs for J. Mickle at 13s; 51 lambs for W. F. Brazier at 11s; 32 lambs for Southern agents at 12s 3d, 78 at 10s 4d, 39 at 10s 2d, 45 at 7s 6d, 22 at 8s 4d; 11 crossbred lambs for H. A. Wright at 11s 5d; 24 crossbred lambs for J. K. Fleming at 13s 9d; 117 lambs for P. Boreham at 7s 3d; 32 bullocks for J. H. Davies to £8 12s, averaging £8 5s 4d, 10 cows at £6 5s; 27 bullocks for the executors Mrs. J. A. Baldwin to £8 4s, averaging £8 0s 8d; 2 bullocks for A. Robinson to £6 12s, averaging £6 2s 6d, 45 cows to £5, averaging £4 8s 6d, 1 steer at £3 4s, 2 calves at £1 17s; 53 cows for W. H. Mackay to £5 7s, averaging £4 14s 3d.

Messrs. Wilkinson and Lavender.—1 crossbred wether for J. P. Moore at 10s, 2 merino ewes at 6s 10d, 96 merino wethers at 6s 5d, 7 crossbred lambs at 9s 2d.

Messrs. Weaver and Perry.—114 wethers for W. F. Routledge at 14s 6d, 239 at 12s 5d, 88 at 11s 7d; 5 crossbred rams for J. Jennings at 19s, 1 crossbred wether at £1 3s, 5 rams at 14s 3d, 4 crossbred wethers at 14s, 147 wethers at 11s 1d, 30 at 9s 1d; 58 bullocks for B. Buffier to £7 10s, averaging £7 5s 6d; 40 bullocks for E. B. White to £6 16s, averaging £6 9s 4d; 45 cows for C. B. Dutton to £6 8s, averaging £5 5s 5d, 6 to £6, averaging £5 10s; 5 bullocks for J. Thompson at £2 9s, 5 cows at £2 8s.

Messrs. T. Sullivan and Son.—On account of the trustees Johnston's Estate, 103 crossbred wethers at 15s 7d, 50 at 14s 9d, 123 ewes at 14s 4d.

Messrs. J. C. Young and Co.—12 bullocks for W. Cooper at £5 12s; 12 bullocks for Mrs. Comerford to £5 12s, averaging £5 6s 9d; 70 crossbred ewes for Northern agents at 14s 1d, 16 merino wethers at 14s 1d, 5 lambs at 14s 2d; 103 wethers for A. J. M'Innes, at 12s 7d to 12s 8d, 29 (seconds) at 11s 4d, 4 crossbred wethers at 12s 7d, 14 lambs at 11s 1d, 27 at 10s 1d, 22 at 9s 10d.

Messrs. Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Limited.—88 bullocks for J. P. Kirkwood to £8 18s, averaging £6 3s 9d; 40 bullocks for C. R. Dines to £8 8s, averaging £6 14s 4d, 40 cows to £6 1s, averaging £4 8s 11d; 47 bullocks for Jekyll Brothers to £5 9s, averaging £4 17s 6d; 28 bullocks for Northern agents to £6 9s, averaging £5 9s 1d; 47 bullocks for B. R. Davidson to £4 19s, averaging £4 2s 9d; 16 bullocks for M. Smith to £5 16s, averaging £5 8s 9d, 17 cows to £5 4s, averaging £4 19s 9d; 9 bullocks for T. A. Fawcett at £4 14s, 3 cows at £4 12s; 2 steers for H. E. Telfer at £4 7s, 10 cows at £3 4s; 235 merino wethers for L. N. Smith at 18s 4d; 3 crossbred wethers for M. J. Daly at 17s, 20 merino wethers at 15s 8d, 8 crossbred ewes at 13s 2d, 81 merino wethers at 12s 6d, 4 merino ewes at 11s; 79 merino wethers for C. Tom at 16s 1d to 16s 6d, 25 at 15s 6d; 10 crossbred wethers for C. Blomme at 15s 11d, 72 at 14s 10d, 6 crossbred ewes at 13s 7d, 100 merino wethers at 14s 4d; 58 merino wethers for J. H. Glasson at 15s 3d, 2 crossbred wethers at 15s 3d, 4 crossbred ewes at 13s, 28 merino ewes at 9s 8d; 7 crossbred wethers for J. H. Glasson at 10s 4d, 4 crossbred ewes at 10s 4d, 78 merino wethers at 9s 6d, 4 merino ewes at 8s; 6 crossbred wethers for G. Eccleston at 15s 3d, 77 merino wethers at 15s 1d, 3 at 12s 11d; 80 crossbred ewes for J. Carter at 15s; 80 crossbred wethers for C. M. Lowe at 11s 8d; 171 merino wethers for J. Nevin at 11 5d, 20 at 8s 4d, 105 merino ewes at 7s 7d to 8s 4d; 55 merino ewes for E. Pratt at 9s 1d to 9s 3d, 332 at 8s 6d, 20 at 8s 3d; 255 merino ewes for E. Jones at 9s, 6 merino ewes stained at 8s 5d; 67 merino ewes for W. Barry at 8s 6d; 2 lambs for M. J. Daly at 15s, 5 at 14s 3d; 5 lambs for G. Eccleston at 14s; 6 lambs for J. Carter 12s 1d; 4 lambs for R. G. Glasson at 12s; 32 lambs for W. Barry at 11s 5d; 20 lambs for J. H. Glasson at 10s 8d; 40 lambs for C. M. Lowe at 10s 2d; 51 lambs for C. M. Lowe at 9s 6d, 59 at 9s 3d, 25 at 8s 6d; 5 lambs for E. Jones at 8s 3d.

Messrs. Maiden Brothers.—28 crossbred wethers for Southern agents at 18s 3d, 4 at 16s 8d, 9 crossbred ewes at 18s 2d, 16 at 17s 7d, 4 crossbred wethers at 16s 8d; 20 merino wethers for W. and R. Chambers at 18s 6d, 140 at 16s 6d, 38 at 14s 11d; 39 crossbred wethers for P. J. Magonnis and Julian Brothers at 17s 10d, 38 crossbred ewes at 15s 4d, 11 at 14s 1d, 2 wethers at 14s 1d; 40 merino wethers for J. J. Garry at 16s 6d, 20 at 15s 1d, 33 at 14s 11d; 40 merino wethers for J. G. Beddie at 12s 2d, 114 at 12s, 37 wethers (seconds) at 11s; 17 rams for Hon. R. H. Roberts at 14s 2d, 15 stags at 11s 11d, 23 wethers at 11s 8d, 38 wethers at 11s 7d, 10 (stained fleece) at 10s 3d; 87 wethers for Southern agents at 10s 7d, 81 (seconds) at 9s 1d, 43 (seconds) at 9s; 218 wethers for Western agents at 8s 4d, 58 (seconds) at 7s 9d; 17 lambs for W. Hawken at 8s, 10 at 7s 2d, 10 at 6s 11d, 32 at 6s 8d, 10 at 5s 8d, 10 at 5s; 10 lambs for W. Charlton at 8s 2d; 27 bullocks for W. Crisp, jun., to £6 2s, averaging £5 6s, 40 cows to £4 15s, averaging £4 7s; 22 bullocks for Northern agents to £6 18s, averaging £6 11s 8d.

Messrs. Hill, Clark, and Co.—168 crossbred wethers for Southern agents at 19s 6d to 20s, 89 at 17s 8d to 17s 9d, 28 crossbred ewes at 16s 11d, 203 at 15s 2d, 216 wethers at 17s, 26 crossbred wethers at 17s 1d, 25 wethers at 17s 3d, 178 at 14s 4d, 28 crossbred wethers at 16s, 149 wethers at 15s 10d, 44 crossbred ewes at 15s 6d, 48 ewes at 14s 3d; 242 crossbred wethers for F. J. Cooper at 17s 2d to 17s 9d, 69 comeback wethers at 16s 4d to 16s 5d, 89 crossbred wethers at 15s 10d; 61 wethers for Rosebrook Estate at 15s 11d to 16s, 228 at 14s 11d to 15s, 63 at 13s 5d; 82 wethers for A. Bollenhagen at 15s; 95 crossbred wethers for Northern agents at 15s 10d, 92 wethers at 14s 1d, 29 crossbred ewes at 13s 11d, 45 ewes at 12s 1d; 92 wethers for J. Wenke at 14s 7d; 54 wethers for T. H. Maunder at 14s 6d; 226 wethers for estate Aiken at 11s 5d; 270 wethers estate E. Maidens at 11s 2d, 188 at 9s 2d; 60 crossbred wethers for J. Arndell at 9s 8d, 114 wethers at 9s 10d, 82 ewes at 7s 9d; 54 wethers for A. C. Cram at 9s 3d, 20 ewes at 8s 5d; 15 crossbred ewes for Rather and Guest at 11s 1d, 494 ewes at 9s 10d, 2 pet lambs at 15s 6d, 56 lambs at 9s 6d, 36 at 7s 6d; 4 lambs for A. Boltenhagen at 12s; 58 lambs for Rosebrook Estate at 12s 9d; 29 lambs for T. H. Maunder at 13s 6d; 10 lambs for estate E. Maidens at 10s 4d; 9 lambs for A. C. Cram at 12s 1d; 95 lambs for G. Matchett at 11s 4d; 4 pet lambs for J. J. Lynch at 15s, 21 lambs at 9s 7d to 10s, 147 at 7s 4d, 35 at 5s 10d, 8 at 22s; 8 bullocks (workers) for C. Davis, sen., to £9 2s 6d, averaging £8 5s, 1 cow at £6, 10 at £4 13s; 65 bullocks for H. Dunn to £7, averaging £6 10s 4d; 51 bullocks for J. Arndell to £6 1s, averaging £5 10s 9d; 12 bullocks for Mrs. Eliza Maidens to £5 11s, averaging £5 4s 2d; 15 bullocks for estate E. Maidens to £5 11s, averaging £5 2s, 9 cows to £4 19s, averaging £4 4s 1d; 11 bullocks for R. D. Wallace at £4 4s, 2 cows at £3 12s.

THE CITY YARDS.

Fat Calves.—The supply penned this week, viz., 142, was a very light one, and greatly below requirements. The quality generally was from fair to good, the bulk of those forward coming from the Hunter River by steamer. Market opened to a full attendance of buyers at prices much in advance of anything we have experienced for a long time, and hardened as sales progressed, closing a few shillings exceptionally high. Prime young vealers especially sold readily, and as high as 3d per lb. was reached for choice lots. Prospects are most encouraging, and markets are sure to hold for some weeks at least. Quotations: Prime and heavy yearlings 51s to 65s, extra 7s, good and heavy 44s to 53s; prime young vealers, 38s to 46s, good 29s to 35s, others from 10s 6d.

Fat Pigs.—2[illegible] penned on Friday, 1412 on Tuesday, and 590 on Friday, making a total of 2145. This under ordinary circumstances is an excessive supply, but this week it proved well within requirements. Both local and intercolonial buyers operated keenly for all descriptions, and market [illegible] for a long time. All lines were most eagerly competed for, and values showed a still further improvement on last week's advanced rates. Prime baconers and good quality small porkers especially sold readily, very few of the latter description being sold under 5d per lb. Market must be good during the next few sale days. Stores are meeting with more competition, and values are gradually getting better. Quotations:—Big heavy, back-fat pigs, 53s to 65s 6d; prime and heavy baconers, 47s to 54s; good, 39s to 45s; light, from 30s; best porkers, to 29s; good, 20s to 25s; others, from 17s. Stores, best to 16s; good, 8s 6d to 14s; others, from 6s.

Messrs. Ellis and Co. report.—At the City Corporation yards and their railway stock saleyards: Milch cows, £3 to £5 10s each; fat cows, £3 10s to £6 12s. Fat calves: 10 for Wilks at 31s to 51s; 13 large for Griffiths at 50s to 70s; 9 various at 10s to 34s each. Fat pigs: 50 for Clark at 13s to 24s; 47 for Whitton at 13s to 19s; 15 for Hook at 38s to 68s; 29 for Egan at 27s to 44s; 21 for Morgan at 16s to 38s 6d. Store pigs: 36 various at 5s 6d to 18s 6d each.

Messrs. William Inglis and Sons report.—Milch cows: A fair supply, the majority forward being medium quality, with a few good cows. There was a large attendance of buyers and competition was keen throughout. Best made to £10 5s; good, from £6 10s to £8; medium, £4 10s to £5 10s; inferior, £2 10s to £3 10s. We sold 51 at the above quotations, also 27 dry and fat cattle from £1 11s to £6 2s. Calves: We sold 29 from Singleton at 22s 6d to 56s, 25 from Camden at 12s to 29s, 20 from Rooty Hill at 16s to 35s 6d, 15 from St. Mary's at 14s 6d to 23s 6d, 15 from Liverpool at 12s 6d to 18s 6d, 37 for various owners in small lots at 8s to 29s 6d. Pigs: We sold 22 from Barrington at 14s to 51s, 15 from Richmond River at 23s 6d to 62s, 20 from St. Marys at 19s to 47s 6d, 20 from Camden at 14s 9d to 19s, 18 from Liverpool at 21s 6d to 34s, and 46 for suburban owners at 17s 3d to 47s 6d.

Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Limited, sold 150 pigs to 55s 6d, averaging 36s; and 26 calves at market rates.

Messrs. Hill, Clark, and Co. sold over 600 pigs to £2 18s.

Messrs. Maiden Brothers sold over 400 pigs to 38s 6d and 42 fat calves to £3 12s.

Messrs. J. C. Young and Co. report having sold 88 pigs to 40s 6d, 38 calves to 44s.

Messrs. Weaver and Perry sold 31 fat calves to 47s 6d.

HAIR, HORNS, AND BONES.

The Sydney Wool-selling Brokers' Association (Australasian Mortgage and Agency Company, Limited, John Bridge and Co., Limited, Dalgety and Co., Limited, Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., Limited, Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Limited, Hill, Clark, and Co., New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company, Limited, Pastoral Finance Association, Limited, Winchcombe, Carson and Co., Wyly, Trenchard, and Co., and J. C. Young and Co.) report:—

Prices were much firmer for sinews and dehaired glue pieces. Flat shanks sold 2s 6d to 5s in sellers' favour. Other lines readily realised previous values. Quotations: Horsehair, tail 20d to 22½d per lb., short and mixed 12d to 19d, mane 8d to 10½d, curled, &c., 2d to 4d; cowhair, 11d to 12½d, washed 13d to 13½d, stumps 5d to 9d, shanks, round £4 10s to £7 12s 6d per ton, flat £4 5s to £4 12s 6d, mixed £4 to £5 17s 6d, inferior £3 10s to £3 15s, sheep at £3 7s 6d; hoofs, white to £5 5s, striped to £4, mixed £3 to £3 15s; sawn thighbones, £14 to £14 7s 6d; blades, £7 to £7 17s 6d; buttocks, £6 10s to £7 17s 6d; skulls, to £4 7s 6d; knuckles, at £3 7s 6d; gluepieces, £9 to £11 5s, inferior £3 to £6, dehaired £15 to £22 12s 6d; fleshings, £6 10s to £7 2s 6d; sinews, £15 to £22 12s 6d; pizzles, £17 to £19; horns, largest 47s 6d to 57s 3d, medium to large 33s 6d to 44s 3d, small to medium 10s to 28s 9d, tips 6s 6d to 8s, perished from 2s; beeswax, 11d to 17½d per lb.

Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Limited, report.—A full attendance of buyers put in an appearance at to-day's sales, and with steady competition prices for nearly all lines ruled firm at unchanged rates. Horns were slightly firmer. Hoofs were in good inquiry at low rates, and gluepieces were inclined to ease; all other lines unaltered.

HORSE MARKET.

Messrs. William Inglis and Son report for the week ending July 27:—The supply of horses during the week has been the smallest we remember for a considerable time. There has only been a few country horses forward through the bazaar, while town and suburban entries have been small. At the Camperdown yards there has only been one sale, when we disposed of 40 head on account of Messrs. T. and W. H. Moxham. Anything offering of a useful description sold readily. Prospects are most encouraging to sellers. Heavy draughts continue in strong demand, both for shipment and local requirements.

HUNTER RIVER PRODUCE SALES.

WEST MAITLAND, Thursday.

At the Union sales yesterday butter made 9d to 1s lb.; eggs, 9½d to 11d doz.; cheese, 4½d to 5½d lb.; bacon, 5½d to 6½d lb.; hams, 7d to 10d lb.; lard, 3d to 4½d lb.; carcase mutton, 1d to 1½d lb.; pork, 2½d to 3½d lb.; beef, 1½d to 2d lb.; live pigs, 8s 9d to 12s each; honey, 1½d to 2½d lb., 1s 6d to 1s 10d small tins; millet brooms, 8s to 12s 6d doz.; lucerne seed, 5½d to 6½d lb.; sorghum seed, 1½d to 3d lb.; potatoes, 3s to 6s cwt.; onions, 4s to 4s 6d cwt.; turnips, 1s 3d to 2s bag, 1½d to 3d doz. bunches; cauliflowers, 9d to 2s 1d doz.; cabbages, 9d to 1s 6d doz.; peas, 1s 2d to 1s 6d peck; beans, 3d to 9d peck; pumpkins, 1s 6d to 2s 6d doz.; pie-melons, 1s to 2s doz.; grammas, 2s to 3s 6d doz.; chilies, 8d to 1s bag; oranges, 2½d to 4d doz.; mandarins, 1½d to 5d doz.; lemons, 2½d to 7d doz.; apples, 5s to 6s 6d case; passionfruit, 2½d to 4d doz.; lucerne hay, 30s to 55s ton; oaten hay, £3 ton; wheaten hay, £2 15s ton; chaff, 2s 3d to 2s 9d bag; maize, 2s 10d to 3s 3d bushel; oats, 2s 2d to 2s 4d bushel; fowls, 1s 6d to 4s pair; ducks, 3s 6d to 3s 9d pair; geese, 4s to 5s 3d pair; turkeys, 8s to 11s pair; pigeons, 1s to 1s 4d pair.

MAITLAND HIDE AND SKIN SALES.

WEST MAITLAND, Thursday.

At the weekly sales at Campbell's Hill yesterday best heavy hides made 19s 6d to 23s, good 16s 9d to 18s 9d, medium 14s 3d to 15s 6d, light and inferior 6s 6d to 13s; yearlings, 3s 6d to 5s 9d; calfskins, 6d to 3s; sheepskins, best 8s 6d to 10s 9d, good 6s 10d to 8s, medium 5s 4d to 6s 3d, light and inferior 1s 9d to 4s; lambskins, 2s 9d to 4s 9d; tallow, £17 10s ton; horsehair, 1s lb.

MAITLAND FAT STOCK SALES.

WEST MAITLAND, Thursday.

The usual fat stock sales were held at Campbell's Hill to-day in the presence of a full attendance of buyers. In the cattle section a small supply was yarded, consisting chiefly of prime fresh quality. Competition was active, and the market firm throughout. Best yards of bullocks made to £7; good trade sorts, £6 to £6 10s; light and medium £4 to £5; cows, best £5 10s to £6, good £4 10s to £5, light and medium £2 7s 6d to £3 12s; calves, small supply chiefly of inferior quality. The demand was active and values firm. Prime vealers made 30s to 40s, good 25s to 30s, others from 10s. Sheep: Fair supply penned, demand active and market very firm. Best pens crossbred wethers made 15s to 16s 6d, odd extra prime 20s, good 12s to 13s 6d, medium 9s to 11s; ewes, tops 15s 7d, others 9s to 12s 9d; merino wethers, 7s 10d to 13s 6d, top 15s, good 10s to 12s, light and inferior 7s 5d to 9s; ewes, 8s 6d to 10s; lambs, fair supply, values firm at improved rates, best quality making 12s, others 6s to 10s. Fat and store pigs: Large supply forward, chiefly prime quality from the Wollombi district. Competition was active throughout, but values were slightly easier. Heavy baconers made 45s to 50s, good 35s to 40s, prime porkers 25s to 30s, small 14s to 18s, store and slips 6s 3d to 10s 6d, suckers 3s 9d to 4s 3d.

BOWLS.

WAVERLEY CLUB.

The Waverley Club engagements for Saturday next consist of two matches, one at Waverley and the other at Victoria Park, in which no less than nine rinks, including 36 Waverley players, will be engaged. The Chatswood Club, which has recently been formed, will visit Waverley with five rinks, whilst a team from Waverley will pay a visit to the Victoria Park green and meet the local players. The Waverley selection committee have chosen the following players to uphold the honour of the club:—

At Victoria Park.—F. Gartrell, S. B. King, J. F. Martin, Captain Kendio, G. Dyson, J. W. Henwood, J. M'Naughton, J. Graham, A. Beatton, T. Jasso, J. R. Rodgers, M. J. Fitzgerald, E. F. Kirby, A. C. Hewlett, Colonel Blanchard, W. Wynne.

At Waverley.—M. Hegarty, A. Gardner, C. G. Sledge, F. O. N. Gibbes, L. G. Holthouse, A. Schmidt, O. Carroll, T. Marshall, W. G. Caine, A. J. Higinbotham, W. Rummell, J. Morcombe, J. C. Apted, H. T. Wills, W. Andrew, E. Baynes, H. Ayres, E. H. Parsons, D. Mitchell, H. C. Evans.

Robert Little and Co.—Hay, Chaff, Produce Auctions, Redfern daily. Highest prices, immediate returns.—Advt.

FARMERS' CO-OPERATIVE COMPANY of NEW SOUTH WALES, Limited, Sussex and Liverpool streets, Sydney. Manufacturers Choicest Creamery Butter, Live Stock and Produce Auctioneers. Sales daily at Redfern; City Live Stock Yards, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday. Warehouse, 343-345 Sussex-street.—Advt.

Berrima District Farm and Dairy Co., Ld., Harris-street, Sydney; Robertson, Mittagong; and North Coast Co-operative Co.'s Prime Creamery Butter, fresh daily; Bacon, A in circle brand; Cheese, Eggs, &c., &c., for Sale.—Advt.

Foley Brothers, Limited, Sussex-st.—Creamery Butter, Waratah, Crookwell, Candelo, Central, Kameruka cheese.—Advt.

Unequalled and invincible. Woods' Great Peppermint Cure for Coughs and Colds, 1s 6d and 2s 6d.—Advt.

MINING INTELLIGENCE.

There was heavy business in the Mining market yesterday. Coal shares were somewhat more buoyant, but without recorded sales. Copper stocks were generally quiet, but Mount Garnet Freehold closed with improved quotations. Lake George Mines were weak. A general improvement was noted in values of local silver companies, B.H. Block 10 in particular being very strong. Amongst local gold ventures there was not such a great demand for gold dredging shares and the market was generally easier, but Turon River Dredging were a shade firmer. Victorians were quiet. Several Queensland lines had exchange at steady rates. Cablegrams from London announced higher prices in the principal Western Australian gold stocks, and shares locally had a large volume of business, with, in several instances, greatly enhanced values. Associated Gold Mines, Great Boulder Perseverance, Ivanhoe Gold Corporation, Kalgurli Gold Mines, and Kalgurli South, all sold at much higher rates, whilst, with the exception of a few low-priced speculative stocks, the remainder closed with firmer quotations.

Sydney Stock Exchange.—The closing quotations were:—

	Buyer.	Seller.
COAL.		
Hetton	30/	—
Newcastle, ex div.	25/	—
Stockton	3/	4/
Vale of Clwydd	6/6	7/
Wallsend, ex div.	23 5/	24 10/
Waratah	7/6	12/6
Wickham and Bullock Island	9/3	9/6
Ditto, new	4/6	5/6
Ditto, preferential, £1 pd.	25/3	—
COPPER.		
Chillagoe	27/6	29/
Girilambone	—	10/9
Girilambone "A"	6/10	7/3
Great Cobar	75/	78/
Lake George Mines	14/9	15/3
Mt. Garnet Freehold	72/	73/6
New Mount Hope	5/	10/
Nth. Nymagee	2/1	2/4
SILVER. New South Wales.		
British Broken Hill	18/	—
Ditto, new	9/	—
Broken Hill Proprietary	43/	44/6
Block 10	90/	95/
Block 14	23/9	25/
Junction Nth.	7/	—
North Broken	12/	13
Nth. Central	1/2	1/4
B. H. South, paid	18/3	19/
Overflow	5/9	5/11
Ditto, con.	5/6	5/8
TASMANIA.		
Mount Black Proprietary	—	5/6
Mount Lyell	£9	—
GOLD. New South Wales.		
Araluen Valley Consolidated, con.	—	13/6
Baker's Creek	—	8/
Dromedary	—	11/
Federal Centrifugal Sluicing	11/6	12/6
Jennings, paid up	—	8/
Macquarie No. 1, con.	8/9	9/
Mount David, paid	5/	5/6
Mt. Drysdale	—	3/
Occidental	—	7/
Peak Hill	2/11	3/2
Ditto, con.	1/6	—
Shoalhaven River, con.	—	8/
Shoalhaven Terraces, con.	7/3	8/
Sunlight	3/6	5/
Turon River Dredging	44/	65/
Victory Forest Reefs	—	5/6
VICTORIA.		
Jennings Consols, con.	31 10/	32/6
QUEENSLAND.		
Band of Hope	—	18/
Ditto, con.	—	17/
Brilliant Extended	9/1	9/4
Ditto, con.	8/	8/4
Brilliant St. George, con.	56/6	57/6
Clark's Brilliant, Worcester, &c.	6/2	6/3
Mt. Morgan	5/0	...
Columbia Smithfield	—	10/6
No. 1 North Columbia Extended, paid	1/8	—
Nth. Oriental and Glanmire	10/	10/9
No. 1 North Oriental and Glanmire	15/	16/
No. 2 North Oriental and Glanmire	5/6	—
No. 1 North Victory	—	8/3
Oriental and Columbia Consolid'ed, con.	—	1/6
Oriental and Glanmire	23/	26/
South Glanmire and Monkland	16/3	17/3
South Great Eastern No. 2	—	70/
Victoria G.M. Association	4/	4/3
WESTERN AUSTRALIA.		
Associated	13 13/	13 14
Bayley's United	16/6	20/
Boulder Half-mile South	4/11	5/4
Boulder Nr'h Extended	8/3	8/9
Brookman's Boulder	27/	28/6
Brown Hill Central	6/1	6/2
Central and West Boulder	50/	65/
Chaffer's	25/6	26/
Golden Link	70/	—
Gt. Boulder	36/9	37/
Ditto Main Reef	45/	47/
Gt. Boulder Perseverance	13 12/	—
Hainault	37/6	41/
Hannan's Block 45	9/7	9/11
Hannan's Oroya	61/	65/
Hannan's Pride of the Valley, con.	9½d	1/2
Imperial Boulder	—	2/6
Ivanhoe	14 0/	14 10/
Ivanhoe Junction	4/	4/6
Kalgoorlie Bank of England	25/	—
Kalgoorlie Mint	31/9	31/10½
Kalgurli	11 17/	12 0/
Kalgurli North	45/6	46/6
Kalgurli South	—	5 13/
Ditto, London register	5 11/3	5 12/
Lake View South	—	21/6
Maritana	1/4	2/
Paringa Consolidated	8	8/6
Queensland Menzies, pd.	13/6	—
Queen Margaret	24/7½	24/9
Queen Margaret Central	3/	4/
Queen Margaret No. 1 South	1/7	—

The following sales were recorded:—Before 'Change—Gold: North Moonlight, 1s 10d; No. 2 North Columbia and Smithfield, 4s 3d; Bayley's United, 15s 2d. Morning—Copper: Cobar Chesney, paid up, 7s; Lake George Mines, 13s 9d, 13s 6d, 13s 3d, 11s. Gold: Federal Centrifugal Sluicing, 12s; Shoalhaven Terraces, contributing, 7s 10d, 7s 9d; Mount Morgan, £5 2s; Associated Gold Mines, £13, £13 1s, £13 3s, £13 4s; Boulder Half-mile South, 5s 4d; Bayley's United, 15s 6d, 15s 9d, 15s, 15s 9d; Chaffer's, 27s 3d, 27s 3d, 27s; Great Boulder Proprietary, 35s 9d; Kalgoorlie Bank of England, 28s 4½d; Kalgurli North, 47s; Kalgurli South, £5 10s; ditto (London register) £5 10s; ditto, on terms, £5 11s. Noon—Copper: Chillagoe Railway and Mines, 38s, 38s 3d; Girilambone "A," 7s 3d; Lake George Mines, 14s 6d; Mount Garnet Freehold, 72s 6d. Silver: B.H. North Central, 1s 4d; B.H. Proprietary, 43s 6d. Gold: Macquarie No. 1, contributing, 9s; Mount David, paid up, 5s 6d; Peak Hill Proprietary, paid up, 2s 11d; Shoalhaven Terraces, contributing, 7s 6d; No. 2 North Oriental and Glanmire, 5s 7d; No. 2 North Columbia and Smithfield, 4s 6d; Oriental Extended, 2s 2d; Associated Gold Mines, £13 8s; Boulder Half-mile South, 4s 10d; Brown Hill Central, 6s 1d, 6s 3d; Great Boulder Proprietary, 35s 9d, 36s, 36s 3d; Great Boulder Main Reef, 47s 6d; Great Boulder Perseverance, on terms, £13 10s; Hannan's Oroya, 63s; Hannan's Pride of the Valley, paid up, 1s 8d; Ivanhoe Gold Corporation, £14 5s; Kalgurli Gold Mines, £12; Kalgurli North, 46s 6d; Kalgurli South, £5 12s; ditto, London register, £5 10s, £5 14s; Queen Margaret No. 1 South, 1s 7d, 1s 7½d. Afternoon—Silver: Overflow, paid up, 5s 10d. Gold: Macquarie No. 1, contributing, 8s 9d; Peak Hill Proprietary, paid up, 3s; Clarke's Brilliant, Worcester, and Victory, 6s 3d; Associated Gold Mines, £13 12s 6d, £13 14s; Brown Hill Central, 6s 2d; Chaffer's, 26s; Great Boulder Proprietary, 36s 3d, 36s 6d, 36s 9d; Kalgoorlie Mint and Iron King, 31s 9d; Kalgurli Gold Mines, £11 17s 6d; ditto, on terms, £12; Paringa Consolidated, 8s; Queen Margaret, 24s 9d.

After the last meeting of the Exchange the following sales were reported:—Silver: B.H. Block 10, 90s. Gold: Araluen Proprietary, paid up, 20s; Federal Centrifugal Sluicing, 12s; Peak Hill Proprietary, contributing, 1s 8d; Shoalhaven River, contributing, 7s 7d; Great Eastern, 4s 9d; Associated Gold Mines, £13 13s; Boulder Half-mile South, 5s 1d; Bayley's United, 17s; Brookman's Boulder, 28s 9d; Great Boulder Perseverance, £13 17s 6d, £14; Hannan's Oroya, on terms, 64s; Kalgurli Mint and Iron King, 32s 11d—ditto, on terms, 32s 4½d; Queen Margaret, 24s 9d.

The Chillagoe Railway and Mines, Limited, London telegram of the 25th instant quoted shares at 38s 9d, and debentures at £40 premium.

At yesterday's half-yearly meeting of the Newcastle Wallsend Coal Company the directors' report, which recommended payment of a dividend of £1 per share, was adopted. A precis of the report was published in the "Herald" of Wednesday last.

Repairs to the shaft of the Boulder Central Extended Gold-mining Company, No Liability, Kalgoorlie, have been satisfactorily completed, and sinking has been resumed.

A stock exchange has been formed at Croydon, North Queensland.

Messrs. Leonard Dodds and Co. report the output of the Great Cobar mine for last week as 76 tons 11cwt. of refined ingot copper.

The following telegram from the mining manager of the Victory Forest Reefs Gold-mining Company, Orange, was posted yesterday on 'Change:—"North drive up 30ft., in 3ft. payable wash, dipping east. Securing ground prior to opening out."

A telegram from the mining manager of the North Tasmanian mining Company, No Liability, Tasmania, reports that there is a great improvement in the 420ft. level east.

Elsewhere will be found the prospectus of the Colombo Dredging Company, No Liability, Braidwood. The capital is £15,000, in 30,000 shares of 10s each, of which 13,000 fully paid up go to the vendors in full consideration for the property, the balance of 17,000 being offered to the public. The issue of 10,000 of the vendors' shares will be deferred until the dredge is at work. The company is being formed to acquire and work a gold-mining lease of 96 acres on the Shoalhaven River, about six miles from Braidwood. The prospectus points out that the application for a special lease for the property has been approved, and was gazetted on January 20 last. The lease embraces over a mile of the river bed and beaches. Mr. C. E. Richardson, M.E. (New Zealand), and Mr. John W. H. Piper, C.E., have reported favourably on the prospects of the company. Tests have proved highly payable, and the gold is worth £3 17s 10d per ounce. Messrs. Mullens and Co., 92 Pitt-street, are the brokers, but the shares have already been applied for. Yesterday afternoon there was an outside sale at 8s per share, representing a premium of 50 per cent.

BALLARAT, Thursday.

To-day's Exchange sales were: Berry Consols, 32s 6d; Berry Consols Extended, 27s 6d; Birthday, £5 3s; Birthday Great, 3s 10d; Birthday South, paid, 26s 6d; British Banner, 20s; British Banner Extended, 1s 2d, 1s 1½d; Buninyong Alluvial, 1s 4d; East Banner, 2s 5d, 2s 4d; East Jubilee, 1s 11d, 1s 10d; Empress of India, 3s 2d, 3s 1d, 2s 10d; Federal Mint, 4s 9d; Glenfine South, £5 11s; Glenfine Extended, 18s 10½d; Great Glenfine, paid up, 3s 4d; Glenfine Extended, 11d, 10½d; Hanlon Consols, 6s 9d, Hepburn Extended, 2s 6d, 2s 9d; Kangaroo, 3s 2d, 3s 1½d; Little's Defiance, 1s 9d; Long Thought Of, 16s, 14s 3d, 14s 9d; Long Thought Of North, 3s 6d, 3s 7d; Long Thought Of South, 3s 4d, 3s 1d; Metropolitan, 2s 11d; Moonlight North, 1s 8d, 1s 8d, 1s 9d, 1s 8½d; Mack's Lucky, 5s, 5s 1d; New Imperial, 23s; New Normanby, 7s; Queen of the Plains, 6s 6d; Royal Mint, 1s 8d, 1s 7d; South Imperial, 6s 3d, 6s 5d, 6s 3d; South Pitfield Consols, 3s 6d; Woody Yallock, 5s 4½d, 6s, 5s 9d, 5s 11d.

BENDIGO, Thursday.

To-day's Exchange sales were:—Carlyle and Whittakers, 5s 8d; Clarence, 20s 9d, 21s, 20s 9d; Collmann and Tacchi, 3s 4d; Columbian Reef, 9d; Delbridge's, 2d, 2½d; Ellenborough, 1s 8d; Golden Age, 8s 3d, 8s; Golden Pyke, 23s 6d, 23s 3d; Great Comet, 1s 1d, 1s 1½d; Harwoods and Burrowes, 4s 10d, 4s 9d; Hustler's Reef No. 1, 8s 10½d, 8s 9d, 9s; M'Donald's Reef, 1s 4½d; New Argus, 6s 1½d; New Chum Railway, 15s, 14s 9d; New Chum and Victoria, 7s, 3s 1½d; North New Moon, 2s 2d; North Johnson's, 8s 1½d; North Argus, 3s 11d; Pearl, 3s 2d; Sea, 8s 9d, 9s; Shenandoah, 7s 4½d, 7s 7½d, 6s 9d, 7s 1½d; South Devonshire, 2s 3d; South New Moon, 29s 3d, 29s; Specimen Hill, 3s 8d; Spring Gully, 42s; Spring Gully No. 1, 7s 3d; Spring Gully Junction, 7s 3d; Spring Gully Birthday, 6½d; Unity, 19s 3d.

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BRISBANE, Thursday.

To-day's Exchange sales were:—Smithfield United Tribute, 9d, 9½d; Mount Garnet Freehold, 72s.

BROKEN HILL, Thursday.

The B.H. Junction mill treated during the week 2032 tons crudes, producing 323 tons concentrates, bulking 20·9oz. silver, 60½ per cent. lead, 6 per cent. zinc. There were no shipments. The estimated quantity of concentrates now lying on the mine's floors is over a thousand tons. The experimental Wilfley table lately fixed in position at the mill is doing satisfactory work on slimes. The productive stopes from 675ft. upwards show nothing of particular interest beyond a slight improvement at some of the workings. The present output can be well maintained. Opening out operations have been started on the footwall side at the 775ft. crosscut, the material mined being somewhat lower in quality than anticipated.

CAMDEN, Thursday.

Notwithstanding the recent heavy rains causing the roads from the Peak silver mines to be almost impassable, two teams are kept going carting ore to Camden for the smelting works. Mr. Kerry, of Sydney, has taken over Messrs. Hilder and Dobson's mine, and men are to be put on at once. A syndicate has purchased a part interest in the 80 acres known as the mineral leases, naming it Hennessy's Alpha Mine. Work is to be started at once. Good ore is being obtained by Messrs. Mitchell, Felt, and Beasley.

CHARTERS TOWERS, Thursday.

To-day's Exchange sales were:—Brilliant Extended, paid, 9s 4½d; Marshall's Queen, paid, 4s 3d; Moonstone Treasure, 7½d, 8d; ditto, paid, 1s 4½d; North Queen, contributing, 10d; Queen Central, contributing, 4d; ditto, paid, 1s 3d.

INVERELL, Thursday.

At last night's meeting of the Stock Exchange 400 shares in the Bora Extended were sold at 2s 5d and 2s 6d.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

There was a good extent of business to-day in the market for mining shares. B.H. Block 10 sold at 89s 6d, 90s; B.H. Block 14, 23s 6d; Junction North, 7s 6d; Mount Lyell, £9 7s, £9 8s; North Mount Lyell, 68s 6d, 69s 6d; Central Mount Lyell, 1s 9½d; Colonel North, 2s 13d; Crown Lyell, 15s 1½d; Lyell Tharsis, 24s 6d; Mount Lyell Blocks, 16s, 16s 3d; North Tasmania, 4s 9d; Royal Tharsis, 2s 11d, 3s; South Tharsis, 8s; Chillagoe Railway and Mines, 38s 6d, 38s, 38s 6d; Mount Garnet Freehold, 70s 6d, 71s; Lake George Mines, 15s 3d, 14s 9d, 15s; Ballarat Dredging, contributing, 5s 9d; Glenfine South, £5 9s, £5 10s; Great West Glenfine, 5s 7d, 5s 5d; Campbell's Creek, 5s 9d; Duke North, 5s; North Prentice, 23s; Wallace Chiltern, 15s, 14s 10½d; Clarence, 21s; Golden Pyke, 23s 3d; New Chum Railway, 15s 3d, 14s 9d; New Moon, 58s; Shenandoah, 7s, 7s 8d; South New Moon, 28s 6d, 29s 6d; Long Tunnel Extended, £27 15s; Long Tunnel North, 21s; Victor's Quartz, 28s; Carlyle and Whittaker 5s 9d, 6s; Horn Island, 11s 9d, 11s 10½d; Russell's Reef, 7s 6d; South German Extended, 13s 4½d; Brown Hill Junction, 2s 6d; Tindal's, 2s 1d, 2s 3d; Hannan's Oroya, 62s; Kalgurli Gold Mines, £11 10s, £12; Kalgoorlie Mint and Iron King, 31s 6d; Chaffer's, 25s 9d; Bayley's United, 16s, 16s 7½d; Associated Gold Mines, £13 8s, £13 15s; Great Boulder, 35s 9d, 37s 9d; Great Boulder Perseverance, £13, £14; Hannan's Block 45, 10s 2d; Queen Margaret, 24s.

MOLONG, Thursday.

At the Warden's Court, held at Cargo, the Mount Durward Gold-mining Company was granted a partial suspension of labour conditions till August 6, and is required to keep 12 men employed as long as water in the dam lasts.

NARRABRI, Thursday.

Considerable interest is attached to the increasing mining operations at Boggy Camp Diamond Mines. Mr. Beaumont, an ex-Narrabri resident, who has a fourth share in a claim there, has formed a syndicate.

SUNNY CORNER, Thursday.

The diamond drill bore is progressing slowly. Delay occurred owing to the broken nature of the ground. The bore is now down 200ft. It was originally arranged to test the field in six places, but the cost of putting down the three bores up to the present will make further operations doubtful. French's Claim has cleaned up from the recent yield for 2oz. gold to the ton.

WEST WYALONG, Thursday.

The Forget-me-not Claim treated 18 tons of stone at Nicolas and Reymond's battery for 10oz. gold. Lovenge and party, tributors on Neeld's Mine, treated 36 tons at Nicolas and Reymond's for 73½oz. The True Blue Mine is raising a large quantity of stone. A crushing, 1000 tons, is going through Nicolas and Reymond's battery. Some good chlorination ore is also being raised.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

To-day's Exchange sales and quotations were:—Broken Hill Proprietary, 43s 6d, 44s, 43s 9d, buyer 43s 9d, seller 44s; B.H. Block 14, buyer 23s 6d; British Blocks, old, buyer 13s, seller 13s 9d; ditto, new, buyer 9s 4d, seller 9s 6d; B.H. Block 10, buyer 89s 6d, seller 92s; Junction North, seller 7s 6d; B.H. South, 18s 3d, 18s 4½d, buyer 18s 4½d, seller 18s 7½d; ditto, contributing, 17s 3d, buyer 17s; North Broken, seller 12s; North Central, buyer 1s 4d, seller 1s 7d; Sulphide Corporation, 12s, 11s 9d, buyer 11s 9d, seller 12s; Associated Gold Mines, £13 4s, £13 16s, £13 15s 6d, buyer £13 15s 6d, seller £13 16s; Bayley's United, 16s, 16s 9d, buyer 16s 9d, seller 17s; Hannan's Block 45, 10s 1d, 9s 8d, 10s 10½d, 10s 9d, buyer 10s 9d, seller 11s; Boulder Central, 5s 3d, 5s 7d, seller 5s 8d; ditto, contributing, buyer 2s, seller 2s 3d; Boulder Half-mile South, 5s 2d, 5s 3d, 5s 4d, buyer 5s 3d, seller 5s 5d; Brookman's Boulder, 29s, seller 31s, 30s, 30s 6d, buyer 30s 3d, seller 30s 9d; Boulder North Extended, 8s 4d, 8s 3d, 8s 8d, buyer 8s 7½d, seller 8s 9d; Brown Hill Central, 6s 3d, 5s 11d, 6s, buyer 5s 10d, seller 6s; Chaffer's, 26s 6d, 26s, 26s 9d, buyer 26s 9d, seller 27s; Golden Bar, buyer 3s 5½d, seller 3s 7½d; Great Boulder, 35s 6d, 37s, 36s 9d, 36s 6d, buyer 36s 6d, seller 36s 9d; Great Boulder Main Reef, 46s, 47s 6d, 46s 9d, 47s, buyer 46s 9d, seller 47s 3d; Hainault, 40s, 41s 9d, 42s, 41s 9d, buyer 41s 6d, seller 42s; Hannan's Oroya, 62s, 62s 6d, 61s 9d, 64s 3d, buyer 64s 3d, seller 64s 6d; Imperial Boulder, 2s 3d, 2s 4½d, buyer 2s 4d, seller 2s 5d; Ivanhoe Gold Corporation, £14 6s 6d, £14 14s, £14 10s, £14 11s, buyer £14 11s, seller £14 13s; Ivanhoe Junction, 4s 1d, 4s, buyer 4s, seller 4s 1d; Ironside North, contributing, seller 5s 3d; Kalgoorlie Bank of England, 25s 3d, 26s 4½d, buyer 26s 4½d, seller 26s 6d; Kalgoorlie Proprietary, 2s 2d, buyer 2s 1d, seller 2s 4d; Kalgoorlie Mint and Iron King, 32s 6d, 31s 6d, 32s 3d, buyer 32s 3d, seller 32s 9d; Kalgurli Gold Mines, £11 17s 6d, £11 15s, £11 17s 6d, buyer £12; Kirkpatrick Consolidated, buyer 9d; Lake View Consols, seller £28 5s; Lake View South, 26s 6d, 25s 10½d, 25s 9d, buyer 25s 7½d, seller 25s 10d; North Kalgurli, 46s, 47s 6d, buyer 47s 6d, seller 48s; North Boulder, buyer 17s 6d, seller 19s; Queen Margaret, 24s 9d, 23s 6d, 24s, buyer 24s, seller 24s 3d; Queensland Menzies, paid, 14s, buyer 14s, seller 14s 9d; Reefer's Eureka, contributing, seller 7s 9d; South Kalgurli, £5 11s, £5 9s, £5 15s, buyer £5 15s 6d, seller £5 15s 6d; Victory United, 1s, buyer 11d, seller 1s 1d; White Feather Main Reef, 16s 6d, buyer 16s; Worturpa North, £7, £7 2s 6d; Worturpa Exploration, £7 5s, £7 7s 6d.

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MANAGERS' REPORTS.

Hannan's Pride of the Valley Gold-mining Company, No Liability, Kalgoorlie, July 17.—West crosscut extended 18ft.; total distance, 18ft. Rock fairly hard. Country continues settled. The Brown Hill Extended has cut the lode rich 200ft. south of where it was formerly cut. This is nearing the Pride, but am doubtful if our ground goes west enough to catch the strike of the lode. The Brown Hill Central has cut the west lode at 150ft., but cannot get any definite particulars until the manager cuts through the lode and advises his directors. This lode should pass through the Pride of the Valley ground if it lives, which is most likely.

Broken Hill Proprietary Company, Limited, four weeks ending July 19.—The whole of the working faces, both underground and in the open cut, are in a satisfactory condition, and have yielded the customary quantities for the various treatment plants. Crosscutting west at No. 11 level, M'Bryde's shaft, has been commenced to intersect the lode at that level. Work has been resumed in Wigg's open cut, and the ore mined, which is principally ironstone, is being raised by means of a "flying fox" erected for the purpose. Operations at the mill have been attended with satisfactory results. For the treatment of the slimes 26 vanners are at present in operation, and 10 in course of erection. Work in connection with the erection of the extension is being pushed on vigorously. The whole of the masonry is approaching completion. A trial will probably be made with the crushing machinery during the coming week. Bins for finished products are completed. Machinery and plant generally at the mine and Port Pirie are in good running order. A new air compressor, capable of driving 30 rock drills, has been delivered on the mine. At Port Pirie, in order to facilitate the handling of ore to the feed floors of the smelting plant, the existing viaduct has been extended. Additional water tanks have been erected near the site of the new centrifugal pumps. A new lime hoist has been erected to effect economy in the handling of the lime required by the briquetting plant. At the refinery several old retort furnaces have been dismantled to make room for a new furnace fired by gas, similar to one already in operation. The erection of a reverberatory furnace for the concentration of copper matte and the treatment of copper ore has been put in hand, and the crushing of the matte, prior to roasting, commenced.

DIVIDENDS.

The following dividends have been declared, and are payable on the dates specified:—

Great Southern No. 1, Rutherglen, July 31, 1s.
Newcastle Wallsend Coal Company, £1.
Chalk's Junction, Carisbrook, July 31, 6d.
Glen Wills G. M. Company, August 1, 4d.
South German Reef, Maldon, August 1, 3s.
Berry Consols Extended, Kingston, August 1, 6d.
Brilliant G. M. Company, C.T., August 1, 4d.
Lake View Consols, Kalgoorlie, August 8, 20s.
Oonah S. M. Company, Tasmania, August 9, 3d.
Union, Pitfield Plains, August 9, 6d.

YIELDS.

GOLD.

Forget-me-not, Wyalong, 18 tons, 10oz.
Neeld's Tributers, Wyalong, 36 tons, 73oz. 10dwt.
South Glanmire and Monkland, Gympie, 792 tons, 737oz.

COPPER.

Great Cobar Copper Mine (week), 76 tons, 11cwt.

PASTORAL INTELLIGENCE.

GLEN INNES, Thursday.

Stock Passings: 1960 mixed sheep, Gum Flat to Bukkulla, D. Strang owner; 650 mixed sheep, Swanbrook to Yallaroi, C. Mussie owner; 412 fat wethers, Waterloo to Flemington, Sinclair owner; 80 fat sheep, Highfield to Flemington, J. Mitchell owner; 20 fat sheep, Kent Park to Flemington, J. Martin owner; 686 fat wethers, Bukkulla to Riverstone, B. Richards and Son owners; 1100 ewes, Oakwood to Nowly Park, Jacob Hunt owner; 100 fat bullocks, Gewgarrow to Flemington, J. Kurkwood owner; 126 fat cattle, Tenterfield to Flemington, Northern agents owners; 60 fat bullocks, Riverton to Flemington, C. R. Dines owner; 15 fat cattle, Tenterfield to Flemington, H. A. Smith owner; 54 fat cattle, Millers to Flemington, A. Stewart owner; 49 fat cattle, Tenterfield to Flemington, M'Crisp owner; 57 fat bullocks, Tenterfield to Flemington, H. Bates owner; 50 fat bullocks, Deepwater to Flemington, A. M. White owner; 53 fat bullocks, Billirimba to Flemington, J. Bishop owner; 54 fat cows, Tenterfield to Flemington, C. Smith owner; 15 mixed cattle, Shannon Vale to Newton Boyd, S. C. Hume owner.

WALGETT, Thursday.

Stock movements: 1386 mixed sheep, Roseville to Come-by-chance, A. Colless owner.

THE HAY SHOW.

HAY, Thursday.

The pastoral show opened to-day with perfect weather. The attendance was very good, and the show was the best for many years. Entries exceeded those of last year by over 100. The general exhibits were numerous and excellent in quality. There was a fine show from the Wagga Experimental Farm. The sheep entries were not so numerous owing to the severity of the drought, but the quality was first class.

The prize-winners were:—Grass-fed merino sheep—Ram, over 2½ years: W. Officer, 1 and 2; Parsons and Dill, 3. Ram, over 1½ and under 2½: W. Officer, 1 and 2; Parsons and Dill, 3. Ewe, over 2½ years: W. Officer, 1 and 2; C. W. Simson, 3. Ewe, over 1½ and under 2½: W. Officer, 1 and 2; C. W. Simson, 3. Two rams, under 1½ year: W. Officer, 1 and 2; Parsons and Dill, 3. Two ewes, under 1½: W. Officer, 1 and 2; R. B. Ronald and Sons, 3. Sheep, which may have been artificially fed, but not clothed—Ram over 2½ years: J. and J. Dickson, 1 and 2; J. and G. Russell, 3. Ram over 1½ and under 2½: R. and A. M'Farland, 1 and 2; W. B. Watt, 3. Two rams over 1½ and under 2½: Parsons and Dill, 1. Ram under 1½, shorn as a lamb: Parsons and Dill, 1; Illilawa Company, 2; T. F. Patterson, 3. Two rams, under 1½, shorn as lambs: J. and J. Dickson, 1; Parsons and Dill, 2; Illilawa Company, 3. Ewe, over 2½ years, bred in the district: W. Officer, 1; J. and J. Dickson, 2 and 3. Two ewes, over 1½ and under 2½: Illilawa Company, 1; J. and J. Dickson, 2. Ewe, over 1½ and under 2½: J. and J. Dickson, 1; Illilawa Company, 2; Dickson, 3. Ewe, under 1½, shorn as a lamb: J. and J. Dickson, 1 and 3; Illilawa, 2. Two ewes, under 1½, shorn as lambs: J. and J. Dickson, 1; R. and A. Macfarland, 2; Illilawa Company, 3. Pen of 10 ewes, under 1½: R. B. Ronald and Sons, 1; J. and J. Dickson, 2. Champion ram: W. Officer. Champion ewe: W. Officer. For owners of not more than 5000—Ram, over 1½ and under 2½ years: A. Haylock, 1. Ram, over 1 and under 1½, shorn as a lamb: A. Haylock. Ewe, over 2½: F. G. Gormley, 1. Ewe, over 1½ and under 2½: F. G. Gormley, 1; J. Hanlon, 2; F. G. Gormley, 3. Ewe, under 1½ years, shorn as a lamb: F. G. Gormley, 1 and 2; J. Hanlon, 3. Champion ram: A. Haylock. Champion ewe: F. G. Gormley. Three fat merino ewes for export: S. M'Cormack, 1. Three fat merino wethers: James Donohoe, 1; Horton Brothers, 2. Three crossbred wethers: Horton Brothers.

ABSTRACT OF SALES BY AUCTION THIS DAY.

LAND AND HOUSES.
RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Limited.—At their Rooms, at 11.30, City and Suburban Properties and Civil Service Co-operative Shares.
C. F. W. LLOYD.—At H. Duff and Co.'s Rooms, at 11, Land.

FURNITURE AND MERCHANDISE.
STRONGMAN and WATSON.—At their Burwood Salerooms, at 11, Furniture, Carpets, Pianofortes, Organs, Bicycles, &c.
THE BAILIFF.—At Rowntree-street, Balmain, at 12, Furniture, &c.
J. R. LAWSON.—At the Rooms, at 11, Furniture, Dinner Service, Pianofortes, Camera, Musical Box, Stock of Stationery, Circulating Library.
H. HARRIS and CO.—At their Mart, at 11, Tasmanian and Australian Furs.
MIDDLETON and CO.—At George and Hay streets, at 2.30, Clothing, Bedding, &c.
W. BRADLEY and CO.—At their Rooms, at 11, Furniture, Office Fittings, Copper Boiler, &c.
J. RODD and CO.—At their Rooms, at 11, Fancy Goods, Cutlery, &c.; at 12, Bicycles, &c.
A. TRAVERS and CO.—At their Rooms, at 11, Guns, Ironmongery, Stoves, &c.
DALWOOD and CO.—At Church-street, Parramatta North, at 12, Groceries, Wines, &c.
H. HAINS.—At 27 Selwyn and Albion streets, Paddington, at 11, Stock-in-Trade of a Manufacturing Chemist.
J. P. LISTER.—At his Rooms, at 11, Clothing, Boots, Blankets, &c.; at 12.30, Sundries.
A. G. JENKINS.—At his Rooms, at 2.30, Clothing, Boots, Shoes, &c.
W. THOUP and CO.—At their Rooms, at 11, Furniture, Glass, China, &c.
H. W. BROOK and CO.—At their Mart, at 11, Furniture, Blankets, &c.
J. M. CANTY.—On premises, Johnson's-street, Annandale, at 11, Furniture, &c.
H. W. CAREY and CO.—At Exchange Salerooms, at 3, Tea.

WOOL AND STATION PRODUCE.
SYDNEY WOOL-SELLING BROKERS' ASSOCIATION.—At the various Stores, at 9.30, Hides, &c.; at the Wool Exchange, at 11.30, Sheepskins; at 2.30, Tallow.
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CASSON.—The Friends of the late Mr. HENRY JOHN CASSON are kindly invited to attend his Funeral; to move from his late residence, Railway-parade, Kogarah, THIS AFTERNOON, at quarter to 1 o'clock sharp, for Rookwood Cemetery, via Newtown.
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CASSON.—The Friends of Mrs. H. J. CASSON are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her late beloved HUSBAND; to move from her residence, Railway-parade, Kogarah, THIS AFTERNOON, at quarter to 1 o'clock, for Rookwood Cemetery, via Newtown. CHAS. KINSELA, Funeral Furnisher, 765 George-street and 116 Oxford-st.

CASSON.—The Friends of Mr. CHARLES A. CASSON are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved BROTHER, Henry John; to move from his late residence, Railway-parade, Kogarah, THIS AFTERNOON, at quarter to 1 o'clock, for Rookwood Cemetery. CHAS. KINSELA, Undertaker, Rockdale and Darlinghurst.

CASSON.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. BARTON LATIMER are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved BROTHER, Henry John Casson; to move from his late residence, Railway-parade, Kogarah, THIS AFTERNOON, at quarter to 1 o'clock, for Rookwood Cemetery. CHAS. KINSELA, Funeral Director.

CASSON.—The Friends of Mrs. A. J. CASSON are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her late beloved SON, Henry John; to move from his late residence, Railway-parade, Kogarah, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at quarter to 1 o'clock sharp, for Rookwood Cemetery, via Newtown. CHAS. KINSELA, Rockdale, 765 George-st.

SCOTT.—The Friends of the late JOHN DUNCAN SCOTT are respectfully informed that his Funeral will leave his late residence, West-street, North Sydney, THIS DAY, at 3 p.m., for the Presbyterian Cemetery, Gore Hill.

PIERCE.—The Friends of the late Mr. GEORGE PIERCE are kindly invited to attend his Funeral, which will leave his late residence, Minerva, Snails Bay, Balmain, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for Field of Mars Cemetery.
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CLARKE.—The Friends of Mr. ERNEST H. CLARKE are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved MOTHER, Mary Ann C. Clarke, which will move from his residence, Rankin-street, Bald Rock, Balmain, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 3 o'clock, for Balmain Cemetery, Leichhardt.
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Chapman and Co.—Hotel, Newtown, trade £25 week, £200.
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Meetings.

NOTICE. THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.
The 26th Annual MEETING of the Animals' Protection Society of New South Wales, Incorporated, will be held in the Town Hall, Sydney, at 4 p.m. THIS DAY, 28th instant.
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Subscribers and the Public are invited to attend.

N.S.W. TYPOGRAPHICAL ASSOCIATION.
The Thirty-eighth Half-yearly MEETING of Members will be held in the Association's Rooms, 301 Pitt-street, TO-MORROW (Saturday) EVENING, 29th July, 1899, at 8 o'clock.
Business: Report and Balance-sheet, Proposition for Representation at Conferences of the Political Labour League, &c.
Financial Members only.
By order. E. HARRISON HURLEY, Secretary.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the North Sydney District Cricket Club will be held in the Town Hall, Alfred-street, North Sydney, THIS EVENING, at 8 o'clock.

TWELFTH JULY Committee will meet THIS (Friday) EVENING, Prot. Hall, at 8. J. Wheeler, R.W.G.M.

THE AUSTRALIAN JOINT STOCK BANK, Limited.
NOTICE is hereby given that the Half-yearly General MEETING of the Company will be held at the Head Office of the Company, corner of George and King streets, Sydney, on FRIDAY, 28th July, 1899, at noon, for the following purposes:—
To receive and consider the Balance-sheet at the 30th June, 1899, and the Reports of the Directors and Auditors.
To Elect a Director in terms of Clause 101 of the Articles of Association in place of GEORGE ALEXANDER MURRAY, Esq., who retires, but is eligible for re-election, and has given the requisite notice, and is the only candidate.
To Elect an Auditor in terms of Clause 159 of the Articles of Association.
To consider and decide on such other matters and things as may then be brought forward by the Directors relating to the affairs of the Company; and to transact any other Business which under the Articles of Association of the Company ought to be transacted at an ordinary Meeting.
By order of the Board. FRANCIS ADAMS, General Manager.
Head Office, George and King streets, Sydney, 27th June, 1899.

THE AUSTRALIAN JOINT STOCK BANK, Limited.
NOTICE is hereby given that a Joint MEETING of the A and B Fixed Deposit Receipt Holders and Inscribed Deposit Stock Holders will be held at the Head Office of the Company, corner of George and King streets, Sydney, on FRIDAY, 28th July, 1899, at noon (following the Half-yearly General Meeting of the Shareholders), for the following purposes:—
To Elect a Director in terms of Clause 101 of the Articles of Association in place of PHILIP HENRY MORTON, Esq., who retires, but is eligible for re-election, and has given the requisite notice, and is the only candidate.
To Elect an Auditor in terms of Clause 159 of the Articles of Association.
By order of the Board. FRANCIS ADAMS, General Manager.
Head Office, George and King streets, Sydney, 27th June, 1899.

THE AUSTRALIAN JOINT STOCK BANK, Limited.
Holders of £500 or upwards of A and B Fixed Deposit Receipts, and Inscribed Deposit Stockholders, are invited to call at the Head Office of the Bank, corner of George and King streets, Sydney, to obtain TICKETS OF ADMISSION to the JOINT MEETING to be held there on FRIDAY, the 28th July, 1899, at noon, or so soon afterwards as the Half-yearly General Meeting of Shareholders shall have concluded, for the purpose of electing one Director and one Auditor, in terms of Clauses 91, 91A, 91B, and 92 of the Articles of Association.
No person who is the holder of less in the aggregate than £500 of such Fixed Deposit Receipts or Inscribed Deposit Stock is entitled to attend or vote at the Meeting.
By order of the Board. F. ADAMS, General Manager.
Head Office: King and George streets, Sydney, 12th July, 1899.

VALE OF CLWYDD COAL-MINING COMPANY, Limited.
NOTICE is hereby given that the Half-yearly MEETING of Shareholders of the above Company will be held in the School of Arts, Sydney, at 8 p.m., on FRIDAY, the 28th instant, to receive the report of the Board of Directors and balance-sheet for the past half-year, and to transact any other business that may be brought before the meeting in terms of the deed of settlement.
By order of the Board. ROBT. PATRICK, Secretary.
244 Pitt-street, Sydney, 21st July, 1899.

NEW REDHEAD ESTATE AND COAL COMPANY Limited.
NOTICE is hereby given that the Eighth Half-yearly General MEETING of the Company will be held at 2.30 p.m. on THURSDAY, the tenth day of August, 1899, at the Company's Office, No. 131 Pitt-street, Sydney, to receive Directors' Report and Balance-sheet for Half-year ended June 30th last; to Elect Two Directors in lieu of Messrs. M. C. Cowlishaw and W. Elsdon, and Two Auditors in lieu of Messrs. Horace Allard and J. S. Hutchinson, all of whom retire, are eligible for re-election, and have given notice of their candidature; and to transact General Business.
By order of the Board. LEONARD DODDS, Manager.
Sydney, July 13th, 1899.

For Sale.

D. S. MAIR for Watch Repairs, Cleaning, 2s 6d; Mainspring, 2s 6d. First-class workmanship. 684 Geo.-st.

D. S. MAIR for American Ansonia Pirate Alarm Clocks, guar. 3 years, 2s 6d. 684 George-st.

D. S. MAIR for Ladies' Solid Gold Keyless Watches, jewelled, guar. 5 years, 35s. 684 George-st.

D. S. MAIR for Silver Hunting Keyless Watches, jewelled escapmt., guar. 3 years, 15s. 684 Geo.-st.

REBUILDING Premises.—Great Clearance Sale.—Furniture at sacrifice prices. New Aust. Chairs, 3s; Bedroom Suites, £5; Pianos, £7; Organs, £3; Sideboards, 32s 6d; Overmantels, 25s; Fancy Art Tables, Cabinets, 10ft. Extension D. Table, 35s; Pearl, Nickel, Brass D. Bedsteads, complete, 55s; 1000 bargains. Elliott, 624 Geo.-st.

IRON SAFES.—Tann's, Phillips, Excelsior, Carroll, Taunton, all sizes, at bargain prices. M. SYMONDS and CO., Telephone, 2291. 275 Pitt-street.

SPECIAL Quality, second-hand, Fireproof and Burglar-proof, Double-door SAFE, 3ft. 6 x 2ft. 6 x 2ft., two drawers, perfect condition, very massive, cheap. HARWOOD and Son, Beehive Stores, Pitt-street, Haymarket.

STOVES (50), Wentworth Ranges, new, 45s; (500) second-hd., half-price; Coppers. Longland, 108 Lpool.-st.

RALEIGH'S Patent Room Warmer (gas) in operation daily; price, 7s 6d. M. Raleigh, 201 Elizabeth-st.

TICKETS.—Melb., Bris., Adel., W.A., N.Z., Tas., electric where, cheap. Tutton, 108 Pitt-st., opp. G.P.O.

TICKETS.—Melbourne (special reductions), Adelaide, London; also Buy, all parts. Firkins, 135 King-st.

EMPTY Collard and Collard Piano CASES, good Timber and Zinc. Elvy and Co., 321 George-st.

FOR SALE, Singer's SEWING MACHINE and Eureka GAS STOVE, nearly new. 118, 120 Market-st.

VALUABLE 18ct. PEARL PIN, pledged M. D. P., 7s, sell ticket 5s, cost £2. Z., Park-st. P.O.

FOR SALE, DRY COW, in good condition. Apply J. Campbell, Perry-st., Leichhardt.

FOR SALE, cheap, complete Set Ivory Pyramid and Pool BALLS. Hale and Co., 108 Pitt-st., opp. P.O.

COUNTER, 12ft. long with 6ft. turn, fitted with drawers, cheap. 111 Devonshire-st.

DENTISTS' Chairs, Cabinets, Adj. Nickel Headrests, Am. Barber's Chair, Mirror, 18s 6d. 693 George-st.

SEWING MACHINE, Singer's Treadle, good as new, 27s 6d, rare bargain. 23 Randle-st., Surry Hills.

IRON SAFE for SALE, good maker, cheap. Apply 90 Queen-st., Woollahra.

SHOP and Office Fittings, large quantity Glass Cases, Counters, &c., chp. Childs and Koops, 115 Liverpool-st.

GLASS Cases, Wall Cases, Bookcases, Pigeonholes, Office Tables, Desks, Counters. 225 Pitt-st. Tel., 2227.

NICE Rattan Cane Perambulator, perfect order, cheap. 30 James-st., off George-st., Redfern.

TANKS, all sizes; Winches, Lathes, Tiring Plate, Derrick, 1000 bargains, selling off. 336 Sussex-st.

A FEW Coils Steel-wire ROPE and Flanged Truck Wheels up to 3ft. Macintosh and Sons, 307 Pitt-st.

TO TAILORS and Manufacturers.—Machines, Trestles, and Irons for SALE. 493 Eliz.-st., Strawb. Hills.

FOR PRESENT WEAR,
We are showing TWO SPECIAL LINES IN DRESS MATERIAL,
Viz.:— FRENCH POPLINS, ALL WOOL, REAL BEAUTIES, 1s 7½d per yard.
And SHEPHERD CHECKS, now so much in demand, 1s 3d per yard.
Ladies should see these New Goods early; the demand being great, they will not last long.
COME IN TO-DAY.
HORDERN BROTHERS, 203, 205, 207, 209, 211 PITT-STREET, SYDNEY.

Municipal Council Notices.

BOROUGH OF ROOKWOOD.
Notice is hereby given that it is the intention of the Council of the Borough of Rookwood, after the expiration of 14 days from date hereof, to borrow the sum of £400 upon the security of buildings to be erected upon a parcel of land in Church-street, such buildings being additions to the Town Hall.
Interest will be paid upon the said £400 at the rate of not more than 5 per cent. per annum, payable half-yearly from date of execution of Mortgage, and the principal will be payable in 15 years from date of said mortgage. Both Principal and Interest will be payable on their due dates at the Town Hall, Rookwood. By order.
Town Hall, Rookwood, 27th July, 1899. A. H. THEW, Council Clerk.

BOROUGH OF MOSMAN.
NOTICE is hereby given that MILNER-STREET is CLOSED against all traffic.
By order. GEO. F. M. WITHERS, Council Clerk.
Council-chambers, Mosman, July 27th, 1899.

BOROUGH OF MOSMAN.
NOTICE is hereby given that Mr. JOHN WILLIAM GRIFFITHS has been duly ELECTED to fill the Extraordinary Vacancy for the office of AUDITOR for the remainder of the current municipal year in place of the late Mr. Harold J. Clarke.
HUGH ROSS, Mayor and Returning Officer.
Council-chambers, Mosman, July 27th, 1899.

Houses and Land for Sale.

SUMMER HILL.—Double-fronted W.B. COTTAGE, 5 rooms, kit., laundry, &c., in very good situation, land 40 x 120, easy distance of station; price only £125, easy terms, say £25 deposit, balance as easy rental.
This is a bargain. STANTON and SON, Summer Hill.

ABOUT 3 minutes of Tempe station and 5 minutes of Sydenham station. PICTURESQUE COTTAGE, standing in a fine block of 2½ acres (about), 9 good rooms, kitchen, bath, pantry, and storeroom, laundry, and outhouses, &c., verandah two sides, built of brick on solid stone, cedar fittings, slate roofs, &c. The grounds are laid out, great variety of ornamental shrubs, paddock, &c., an ideal home; sacrifice £1100, easy terms. This property is very substantial, and in good order; cost 10 years ago £2500. Apply on premises, Brooklyn, Union-street, Tempe, or STANTON and SON, Summer Hill.

LOOK! Something Choice.—Beautiful detached COTTAGE, built under architect, 6 rooms, &c., BARRQUAILLE, Alt-street, Ashfield, close St. John's Church, owner leaving colony. Sale in the Rooms, 250 Pitt-street, THURSDAY, 3rd August, 11.30 a.m.
E. C. V. BROUGHTON, 250 Pitt-street, Auctioneer.

NEWTOWN.—£300, Brick COTTAGE, good street. E. C. V. Broughton, 250 Pitt-st. (1266).

ANNANDALE.—£300, splendid Brick COTTAGE, 4 rooms and kit. E. C. V. Broughton. (1244).

GOOD INTEREST for £350.—£40 p. a. net for 2 splendid HOUSES, Freehold, close to Hyde Park, city. Inspect at once. E. C. V. BROUGHTON, (Folio 1382).

TWENTY per cent. INVESTMENT, one shop and 2 COTTAGES, brick and w. b., Raglan-street, Alexandria, 56 years' lease at £8 p. a., rents 23s weekly, price £225. E. C. V. BROUGHTON. (Folio 1363).

WAVERLEY.—Stone and w. b. COTTAGE, 4 rooms, land 33 x 112. E. C. V. Broughton. (1349).

CITY, Crown-st., off Wm.-st.—Brick HOUSE, 5 rooms, kit., room for stable. E. C. V. Broughton. (1352).

SURRY HILLS, near Lager Beer Factory.—2 w. b. COTTAGES, Freehold, 12s wkly., £150 the lot, land 40 x 60, stable for horse and cart. E. C. V. BROUGHTON. (1351).

WAVERLEY, Splendid Value.—Pretty Brick COTTAGE, 4 rooms, kit., laundry, bay window, verandah front and back, good position, close 2d tram; £450, small deposit, our usual easy terms.
W. J. DOUGLAS, Intercolonial Investment Co., Limited, 14 Moore-street, near G.P.O.

GLEBE POINT.—New COTTAGE, hall, 5 rooms, kit., bathroom, tiled, marble mantels, laundry, pant., gas, sewer, &c., Tor. title, price £525. J. STIMSON and SONS, 45 Glebe-road. Tel., 54 Glebe. Drive to inspect.

GLEBE POINT.—Det. Brick Cottage, slate roof, every conv., cont. 5 large rooms, kit., tiled b.r., enld. bath, lav., m. mantels, &c. The above is faithfully built, fin. A1, price £825. J. Stimson, 45 Glebe-rd., Glebe. Drive to insp.

GLEBE.—3 COTTAGES, leasehold, each 3 rooms, &c., good position, always let A1 tenants, rents £63 per annum, ground rent £15; price £275. J. STIMSON and SONS, 45 Glebe-road, Glebe. Telephone, 5 Glebe.

NORTH SHORE LINE.—For SALE, New COTTAGE, 6 rooms, kitchen, laundry, bathroom, and pantries, well finished, splendid situation, adjoining station. J. THOMAS, Artarmon, between St. Leonards and Chatswood.

RYDE.—Splendid Villa RESIDENCE, 10 rooms, all conveniences, 6 acres orchard and gardens, nice position, perfect home property cost over £3000, sacrifice £1250. BLIZZARD and CO., 78 Elizabeth-street, and Chatswood.

PIG, Poultry, Dairy Farm, and Market Garden, permanent water driest season, pigs, cows, poultry, farm tools, Cottage, sheds, &c., £850, excellent opportunity, bargain. BLIZZARD and CO., 78 Elizabeth-street.

A FIRST-RATE INVESTMENT for £490, pays 15 p. c., or 23s 6d weekly, in good condition, at NORTH SHORE, 3 W.B. COTTAGES, sewer connected.
PAGE and COMPANY, 139 King-street.

LEWISHAM.—Pretty COTTAGE, tuckpointed, 5 rs., £350 cash. Page and Company, 139 King-st.

PETERSHAM.—4 Good Letting HOUSES (land enough for 6 more), cheap, £1250. Page and Co., 139 King-st.

FOR SALE, Poultry and Garden FARM, 3-roomed cottage, sheds, 16 poultry yards, prize stock, 8 acres black soil in crop, peas, &c., plough, harrow, horse, cart, harness, &c.; part owner, leaving, sell cheap.
Apply H. S., Victoria Hotel, Smithfield.

POTTS HILL, mile Rookwood station.—4½ ACRES, fenced, 3 acres cleared, 2 acres cultivated, 50 fruit trees, Cottage, netted fowl yards, &c., £200, terms.
JNO. JAS. MILLER and CO., Parramatta.

SMALL DEPOSIT, BALANCE AS RENT. Pretty new det. COTTAGE, hall, 5 rms., laundry, bath, pantry, wardrobe, tubs, copper, sink, gas, beautifully fitted and decorated, £385. GIFFORD and CO., 92 Pitt-street.

TO SPECULATORS.—Terrace Properties, Woollahra, 14 Houses, rents £9 per week, price £5750; 20 Cottages, rents £12 12s per week, price £7250; open to an offer.
G. H. MOBBS, opposite railway station, Parramatta.

BEECROFT, pick of district.—Young Orchard, 7 ac., lemons, mandarins, summer fruits, splen. Cottage, shed, stable, tools, grand position, £350 year returns, good crop, £625. SLACK and CO., 90 Pitt-street, or Parramatta.

NORTH SYDNEY, Walker and Maclaren streets.—New Cottage VILLA, 6 rooms, hall, bathroom pantry, kitchen, all conv., near ferry, tram, and park, Torrens, £750, terms, harb. views. WORMALD BROS., Builders.

A SACRIFICE.—Detached Brick COTTAGE, 3 rooms, hall, and washhouse, £175. Kitt and Co., 38 Eliz.-st.

RARE Investment.—3 new det. Cottages, 5 rooms, rents 45s weekly, price £1200. Kitt and Co., 38 Eliz.-st.

HANDSOME new D.F. COTTAGE, 5 rooms, kitchen, land 45 x 150, £600. Kitt and Co., 38 Eliz.-st.

CHARMING new Brick COTTAGE, 4 rooms, hall, kitchen, land 25 x 142, £365, easy terms. Kitt, 38 Eliz.-st.

MOSMAN.—Lovely Cottage VILLA, new, 6 rooms, hall, kitchen, £750. Kitt and Co., 38 Eliz.-st.

MOSMAN.—Bay-window COTTAGE, 4 r., k., &c., land 40 x 189. Terms, G.P.O.

BRICK Cottage, 2 rooms, hall, land 70 x 200, city water, £90. O'Brien, Bay View, Five Dock.

POULTRY FARM, Rookwood, nice cottage, 5 rooms, acre land, runs wired, Torrens, £175. Theris, Herald.

DRUMMOYNE.—Choice Villa Sites, 40 x 147 and 32 x 138, £40 ea. Shoppee, auc., 211 Eliz.-st., Hyde Park.

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BALMAIN, Mort's Dock.—Terrace 6 Cottages, underlet 58s ea., only £175 ea., any terms. Shoppee, 211 Eliz.-st.

COTTAGE, extremely large, 8 rooms, conveniences, 60 x 170, £300; or Let. Butler, Term., Dulwich Hill.

Hotels.

BEKER'S OLD WHITE HART HOTEL, opp. Parliament House and the Treasury Gardens, Melbourne, complete with the latest improvements; electric lights, bells, passenger-lift, &c. Terms 5s per night, bed, and breakfast; other meals at option; full board £2 5s. Special terms for families. A. F. BEKER, Prop.

ROBERTS' HOTEL, George and Market streets, BOARD or APARTMENTS at option. Bed and Breakfast, 5s.
Splendid Lunch, 1s 6d; Dinner before Theatre, 2s 6d. Visitors to Sydney will find it to their advantage to stay at ROBERTS'S HOTEL,
OWING TO ITS CENTRAL POSITION and the EXCELLENT ACCOMMODATION which is afforded, at the MOST MODERATE CHARGES.

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A LEA HOUSE, 27 York-st., Wynyard-square.—First-class Board and Residence, terms moderate.

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A CHANCE for Presents.—Sale of Curios and Mats, Rugs, and Furs. Harris and Co., 189 Pitt-st., 11 a.m.

APARTMENTS.—Bal. Bed-sitting ROOM, also single Room, kit. ev. con. 94 Flinders-st., opp. St. Michael's.

A REFINED HOME, priv. family, ladies or gents., ev. comf. Frankfort House, 44 Bridge-st., nr. Metropole.

A SINGLE BEDROOM, 5s; part Bedroom, 3s 6d; Bedroom 3s 6d; bath, keys. 19 Flinders-st.

AT BEALOAH, 34 Wynyard-square.—Superior Accommodation. Misses Kelly.

AT CLIFTON, Kirribilli Point, N. S.—Double and S. Rooms, from 28th, vac. bach. quarters. Tel., 91 N.S.

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AT STRATHBOGIE, 31 York-st., Wynyard-sq.—Sup. Accom., double and single rooms vacant, hot baths.

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AT 133 Macquarie-st.—Mrs. Warr (late Mrs. Waugh).

AT 121 Castlereagh-st., nr. Market-st., city.—Comfortable LODGINGS for respectable men, 4s, 5s weekly.

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A WELL-FURN. Front ROOM, every conv., suit business gent., terms mod. 60 Dowling-st., Paddington.

AT DARLINGHURST.—To LET, FURNISHED APARTMENTS, drawing room, dining-room, 2 bedrooms, kitchen, use bathroom and laundry, well furnished, low rent. PIERCY ETHELL and CO., 3 Moore-street.

AT HOLMSDALE, High-street, or end of Whaling-road, North Sydney.—HOUSE, beautifully situated, garden, grounds, harbour views, water frontage, every comfort and attention, terms moderate. Tele., 237 N. S.

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BOARD and Residence, 15s, close to railway station and Christ Church. 469 Pitt-st.

BAYSWATER-RD., 67.—B. and R., 16s wk.; bal. and front Rooms, 'bus and tram pass door.

COMFORTABLE Board and Res., moderate, hot baths, telephone. Luciani, 50 Bayswater-rd., Darlinghurst.

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FRONT furnished Bedroom, use kit., for lady, daughter, piano, D'hurst pref., terms mod. A.B.C., Wm.-st. P.O.

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FURN., double Bedroom and Sitting-rm., use kit., bath, gas, fire, Cott., 12s. 5 Petersham-st., off P'matta-rd.

LADY, no children, nice home North Sydney, would receive two Gentlemen Boarders, beautiful situation, every comfort, moderate. Hamwana, Herald.

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TWO comf. furn. Rooms, one single and double, terms moderate; also stable. 184 Albion-st., S. Hills.

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WAHROONGA, North Shore line.—HOME offered 1 or 2 Gentlemen in private family, large garden, near station, refs. given and expected. Wahroonga, Post-office, Wahroonga.

LADY wants a Furnished Bed-sitting ROOM in district of Paddington or Glebe. Letters A. O., Herald.

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WANTED, 2 Fur. R., firep., gas, use k., piano, within 1 min. G.P.O., must be m. Trio, S. M. Herald.

WANTED, plain fur. Bedroom for single gent., about 4s, North Shore pref. D. B., Herald.

WANTED, Single ROOM, handy Redfern station, no young children, tms. A. A., Herald Office, King-st.

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Houses, Land, &c., Wanted.

A.—YOUR PROPERTY offered at Auction. £1 covers all charges, including advertising, notice boards, inspection, &c. E. C. V. BROUGHTON, Sworn Valuator, &c., 250 Pitt-st. Tel., 1725. Open Mon. till 9.

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A LADY having her own furniture wants to Rent Part of a House in Wynyard-square, about four rooms. Particulars to B. A., Post-office, Manly.

BUSINESS wanted, suit lady. State price, no agents. Business, William-st. P.O.

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EULO HOUSE, Blue-street, Lavender Bay.—For stations, Married Couples, 2, milk, kill, useful, wife cook and L., £65; others, man plough, milk, useful, wife general, £60; Lads, 2, start £10, Mother, Daught., £30.

GEN., 35 yrs., two elderly people, no wash., 10s; Lady Help, Nursery Gov. 26 Elizabeth-st.

GEN. Serv., hotel, Mtns., easy pl., good home; Female Cook, city hotel, no boarders, easy place. 60 Eliz.-st.

GOOD Home and Pocket Money offered resp. Person to return housework. Letter, 17 Merton-st., Balmain.

GENERAL SERVANT required, good wages paid to domesticated competent person; steamer from Erskine-street, fare paid. Telephone 52 Hunter's Hill. Corinda, Palmer and Gale streets, Woolwich.

GENERAL required at once with good references, must be a good cook and laundress, thoroughly clean and smart, wages 14s. Apply to Mrs. WYLD, Margaret-street, Manly. Fare paid.

LADY HELPS, HOUSEMAIDS, NURSEGIRLS, General SERVANTS. ROBERTS and CO., 116 Strand Arcade. Take lift.

MID-DAY WAITRESS, luncheon rooms. Apply 10 to 11.30, Ch. of Eng. Dea. Inst., 70 Hunter.

MARRIED Couples (3), bachelors' quarters, man kill, milk, &c., wives housekeepers, £65, £70; Couple for Q., man slaughterman, wife h'keeper, £100. HITTMANN, L. A., 87 Imperial Arcade.

NAVVIES. WANTED, 500 Pick-and-Shovel MEN; none but first-class men need apply. 8s per day for eight hours.
Apply on the works, North Mount Lyell Railway, Gormanston or Kelly's Basin, Macquarie Harbour, Tasmania.
BAXTER and SADDLER, Contractors, 422 Flinders-lane, Melbourne.

Department of Mines and Agriculture, Sydney, 26th July, 1899.
PANTRYMAN wanted for the HAWKESBURY AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, RICHMOND; wages fifteen shillings a week and found. Applicants to call at the Agricultural Museum, in the Domain, 10 a.m. THIS DAY.
D. C. M'LACHLAN, (8-ff) Under-Secretary.

RESPECTABLE GENERAL, clean, 4 in family, light general kept. Terminus Hotel, Ashfield.

STATION COOK, no bread baking, 25s, meet lady 10 sharp. 87 Castlereagh-st.

WANTED, Permanent Midday WAITER. Aarons' Exchange Hotel Co.

WANTED, young MAN for dairy, plough, milk, and useful. Apply, 9.30, Byron and Moy's, Sussex-st.

WANTED, yg. resp. Girl Mother's HELP or Nursery H'maid, refs. Spalanrois, Goldhope-rd., Chatswood.

WANTED, H'MAID, Waitress, first class hotel, country, 16s; H. P. Maid, ctry., 14s. 87 Imp. Arcade.

WANTED, smart KITCHENMAID, refs. Apply 8.30 till 11, 3 till 5, 271 Pitt-st., near Park-st.

WANTED, Bricklayers' LABOURERS, good, 8s. Wolseley-st., Mosman.

WANTED, trustworthy Girl as General Servant, country girl preferred. 74 Fitzroy-st., Surry Hills.

WANTED, BARMAID. Hampden Hotel, Oxford-st.

WANTED, smart young LADY for Tea Rooms. 149 King-st.

WANTED, yg. GIRL, assist housework and children. Mrs. Davis, Havilah, Lane-st., Burwood Heights.

WANTED, General SERVANT; another kept; two in family. Mrs. Bowes, 122 Macleay-st., Potts Pt.

WANTED, respectable young Girl for housework, 3 in fam. Mrs. Roebuck, James-st., L'hardt, opp. butcher's.

WANTED, good GENERAL, three in family, Carney, Holt-st., Double Bay.

WANTED, useful GIRL, no washing, no children, gas stove, 4s, refs. Ennismore, Livingstone-rd., M'ville.

WANTED, useful little GIRL, left school preferred. 14 Newtown-rd., city.

WANTED, strong LAD, used to digging. Apply corner Railway-crescent and Gordon-rd., Burwood.

WANTED, thorough General SERVANT, wages 10s. Sir John Young Hotel, George and Liverpool sts.

WANTED, strong willing GIRL, comf. home, refs. req. 9.30, Sylvania, 117 Flinders-st., Moore Park.

WANTED, thorough GENERAL, refs. After 11 o'clock, Rockton, Victoria-st. North, Darlinghurst.

WANTED, Gens., W'nbra, Hosm., 12s; y'ng Gen., B city, P'sham 12s. Cooks, H Ms. Mrs. Scott, Strand.

WANTED, young GIRL, to assist housework, sleep home preferred. 243 Abercrombie-st., Redfern.

WANTED, GIRL, about 14 or 15, to make herself useful. Strausser, cor. Union and Broughton sts., Padd.

WANTED, a middle-aged WOMAN. Apply Mrs. Johnson, Press Established, Domain.

WANTED, a Laundry HOUSEMAID. Apply 28 Bayswater-rd., Darlinghurst.

WANTED, HOUSE and PARLOURMAID. 13 Kellett-st., Darlinghurst.

WANTED, a smart BOY. Apply Enmore News Agency, tram terminus.

WANTED, good General SERVANT. Apply after 9 a.m., 4/5 Kent-st.

WANTED, respectable General SERVANT. Apply 302 Moore Park-rd.

WANTED, competent General SERVANT, refs., none other need apply. 152 Point Piper-rd., Paddington.

WANTED, resp. Married CABMAN, gd. wage and home. P. Sullivan, Cowlishaw-rank, or 5 Eltham-st.

WANTED, a resp. little GIRL, mind baby and assist, sleep home. 587 Crown-st., Surry Hills.

WANTED, GARDENER, milk, &c., for station, 15s and keep, good place, Young. 110 Bathurst-st.

WANTED, quiet family, resp. strong useful GIRL, wages 5s, sleep home. 495 Riley-st., Surry Hills.

WANTED, good General SERVANT, sleep at home, 10 a.m., Bothwell, 298 Victoria-st., Darlinghurst.

WANTED, for about 3 or 4 months, compt. Gen. Ser., refs. Apply Bussau, Bilyard-avenue, Elizabeth Bay.

WANTED, middle-aged Woman as GENERAL, no washing. Apply Illawarra Tea Rooms, 290 Pitt-st.

WANTED, young GENERAL, 2 in family; personal references. 65 William-st., city.

WANTED, a thorough good General SERVANT. Cungate Inn, Castlereagh and Liverpool sts., city.

WESTERN Agency.—Gens., Glebe Pt., N. Syd., 12s; C. and L., 15s; useful Girls. 21 Elizabeth-st.

WANTED, a strong YOUTH for orchard or garden, one used to the work preferred.
Apply THOS. REEDY, Camden Park, Menangle.

WANTED, a Matron HOUSEKEEPER for the Armidale School. Apply, stating age, experience, and qualifications, with copies of testimonials, to the Rev. W. FISHER, Armidale School, Armidale.

WANTED, nice, respectable Girl as HOUSEMAID, and handy with needle, references required. Apply by letter, with particulars, A. M., Post-office, William-street.

WANTED, Married C'ple, stn., £60; 3 Gens., g'd stns. and c'try towns, 14s to 17s; C. and L., and H. and P. Maid, same stn., g'd wages; Nursery H. Md., g'd stn., 13s; Cs. and La., subs., stns., 14s to 18s; Gens., all subs., city hotels, 12s to 16s; Cook, D. Bay, £1, hotels 14s, 17s; H. P. Mds., 10s, 12s; H. M., hotel, 10s; P. Md., 14s. Cox, Strand.

Y. H. and P. Ms. (3), 10s, 12s, subs.; Cook, male, sub.; Gens., 12s; others. Miss Layard, 25 Eliz.-st.

Y. GENERAL, g. cook, 7 fam., c. stage, D. Bay, g. refs., 15s. 10 o'clock, Miss Layard, 25 Eliz.-st.

YOUNG Laund., £42; C.L., 15s; G.S., 14s, 10s, subs.; 12s, S.C. line; H.P.M., 12s; m.-aged G.S. 68 Eliz.-st.

YOUNG useful GIRL wanted, refs. 11 to 12, 213 Upper Dowling-st., Darlinghurst.

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